#### Blast kills 12 in Barcelona

BARCELONA (AP) — An explosion in the garage of a department store Friday killed at least 12 people and injured 31, the Barcelona civil governor's office said. Basque separatists claimed responsibility. The governor's office said. Basque separatists claimed responsibility. The bodies of the victims — six women, four men and two children — were found in the underground parking area of the Hipercor department store in central Barcelona, the office said. Firefighters told reporters most of the deaths appeared to result from asphyxiation due to thick clouds of smoke caused by the 4:15 p.m. explosion. The national news agency EFE reported that a man who said he spoke for the Basque separatist group ETA told the Barcelona daily Avui newspaper 30 minutes in advance that a bomb would go off at the store. There was no indication that authorities tried to evacuate the area before the explosion. Sources at the department store told Spanish national radio (RNE) they did not receive a warning call.

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UAE leaders continue efforts

#### Israel said sending technicians to China

LONDON (AP) - A published report Friday said Israel was secretly sending military techni-cians to China to refit and modemise hundreds of Soviet tanks and heavy artillery for the Chinese army. The Times of London, in a report attributed to midentified Israeli sources, said many of the technicians work for private arms companies but their Israeli government. The news-paper said the technicians have been apprading the Soviet work has the tacit approval of the been appracting the Soviet tanks with new fire-control systems, laser range-finders and, in some cases, new guns for about one year as relations between China and Israel grow warmer.

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#### Soviet riot youth to face firing squad

MOSCOW (R) - A student has been sentenced to death by firing squad for manslaughter during riots last December in Alma-Ata. capital of Soviet Kazakhstan, the republic's Communist Party newspaper said. In its June 17 edition, which reached Moscow Friday, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda said four other men including two students had been sentenced to strict-regime labour camp terms of four to 15 years for their part in the Dec. 17-18 riots. Two people died and some 200 were injured in the rioting, which followed the removal of veteran Kazakh leader Dimmukhamed Kunayev and his replacement by an ethnic Russian, Gennady Kolbin, as party chief in the Central Asian Re-

#### Reagan meets Habre

WASHINGTON-(R) - Presitient Hissene Habre of Chad met President Reagan at the White House on Friday for talks ex-pected to cover Chad's successful battle to oust Libyan forces in its country last March. The United States provided material support Mr Habre's forces and our cials here were delighted when they inflicted a humiliating defeat on the Libyan army. Mr. Habre, here for a five-day official visit, was sure to get a warm welcome during his talks with Mr. Reagan and other officials who see Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi as a threat to his country's neighbeens and a supporter of "ter-

#### No accord yet on North testimony

WASHINGTON (AP)

Lawyers for Lietenant-Colonel Oliver North and the congres-sonal Iran-contra committees have failed so far to work out the reported agreement' the panels are seeking to guarantee Col. North's testimony, a Senate spokesman said Friday. Lance Morgan said a meeting between the lawyers Thursday night had proved "inconclusive," indicating no agreement had been reached. The Senate panel met Friday to hear reports on the lawyers' discussions regarding the fired White House aide who managed the secret arms sale to Iran and the private resupply programme to Nicaragna's contra rebels. Mr. Morpan said although he expects further talks between the lawyers, no conclusion is likely to be reached in the next day or so because the house is out of session and members of the house ec Asp 311) Panel are not available for con-

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## Waldheim looking forward to Jordan visit for talks on bilateral ties and Mideast

Former U.N. chief praises King's contributions to peace Austrian leader says allegations over his past are probably linked to his country's policy

From George Hawatmeh in Vienna

ON THE eve of his visit to Jordan, Austrian President Kurt Waldheim says he looks forward to his talks with His Majesty King Hussein and to discussing ways of cementing Austro-Jordanian ties as well as contributing to the search for peace in the Middle East and the world at large.

"I highly appreciate the invita-tion of His Majesty, because Jordan plays a key and unique role in the international community," Dr. Waldheim said in an interview with Jordanian newspaper editors here earlier this week. "Therefore it gives me great pleasure to go to Jordan and do something more concrete in the bilateral and international fields as well as in the field of efforts to try to find ways and means to settle the crisis in the Middle East," he said.

"His Majesty King Hussein is one of the leading figures in the international community, and he has made tremendous efforts to as long as the Middle East quescontribute to a solution to the tion was not solved, and that it I am a great believer in the role

GENEVA (Agencies) - U.N.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said Friday he be-lieved that prospects for a Middle

East peace conference had im-

He told a news conference he

was awaiting results of a 10-day

mission to the area that U.N.

Under-Secretary for Special Poli-

tical Affairs Marrack Goulding

Mr. Perez de Cuellar said Mr.

Goulding was in the Middle East

to help assess the chances of a

Mr. Goulding was due to also

go to Egypt and to Tunisia to see

Yasser Arafat, leader of the

Mr. Perez de Cuellar said he

had been in touch with all the

narties concerned - Israel, Jor-

dan, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt and

"I have found some improve-

ment, as compared with previous

years; in the sense that now all

parties, including some fraction

of the Israeli government, are

prepared to discuss an interna-

tional peace conference," Mr.

"There has been some im-

provement, not enough to de-

clare myself pleased and satisfied,

non's defence minister on Friday

but there is some movement.

Perez de Cuellar said.

Palestine Liberation Organisa-

Middle East peace conference.

began on June 13.

tion (PLO).

the PLO.

Palestinian problem," the president said. "So I am looking forward very much to our talks with His Majesty and the government of Jordan, to discuss, first, direct issues of mutual interest, and then the situation in the area and thirdly the international situa-

"Needless to say the future of the situation in the Middle East will be decisive for world peace," Dr. Waldheim said in the twohour long interview over hunch at Vienna's classic and ornate Sacher Hotel. "I used to say as U.N. secretary-general that there would be no international peace



was our duty to make every effort to achieve a peaceful and lasting settlement in the area.'

The Austrian president said Jordan and Austria, coming as they are from different geographic regions of the world, both have a good chance to assist in finding peaceful solutions to world problems, especially since the two countries share rich experiences in international affairs. "Of course, our cooperation

cannot on its own solve problems, but neither can the big powers alone," Dr. Waldheim said, "but Perez de Cuellar sees improved

that can be played by smaller and middle-sized countries which are situated in delicate parts of the world — the example here being Jordan in the Middle East, and Austria in Central and East

"This is in fact one aspect of my visit to Jordan: to put together our experiences and to try to make a contribution to resolution of different problems around the world," Dr. Waldheim said, adding that he was very impressed by His Majesty

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#### Gemayei meets conference to be attended by all Goulding In an interview with Danish

BEIRUT (Agencies) A senior dent Amin Gemavel on Fridav a part of a regional tour to discuss prospects for an international Middle East peace conference. U.N. Under-Secretary-Gener-

al Marrack Goulding told reporters he also had talks with acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss. He declined to give details of the discussions. An official Lebanese source

quoted by Reuter said Lebanon was monitoring Middle East peace moves "and will take part when necessary, especially when the Palestinian issue is dis-A presidential spokesman said

Mr. Goulding told Mr. Gemayel that U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar was deeply involved in preparations to hold the proposed confer-

ence," The spokesman said Mr. Goulding also informed Mr. Gemayel of "the views and positions of the concerned parties' regarding the international conference.

Mr. Goulding flew in Thursday after a swing that took him to Syria, Jordan and Israel. He was expected to leave for Egypt and Tunisia, where he plans to meet with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has criticised Mr. Goulding's plans to meet with Mr. Arafat saying such a move is unnecessary since no good or use can come from a meeting with Arafat."

Mr. Goulding was expected to return to Beirut next week to discuss the future of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) with Lebanese

UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel said Friday a Nepalese peacekeeper was seriously wounded in the chest by machinegun fire. He said the firing came from a position manned jointly by Israeli soldiers and their ally, the South Lebanon

In another development, a senior PLO official said in Baghdad that the PLO was to seek contacts with the Lebanese government to clarify the situation after Beirut's abrogation of the Cairo agreement covering the

Palestinian presence in Lebanon. The official said this was decided by the PLO's Executive to settle Sharjah power struggle ABU DHABI (Agencies) — The United Arab Emirates' Supreme Council sought Friday to defuse a They were his first public statements since deposing his younger brother, Sheikh Sultan, Wednescrisis over a power struggle in Sharjah where the new ruler claims he is in control backed by day while Sheikh Sultan was on holidaying in England. But Sheikh Abdul Aziz, 50, stressed "we have no intention to

obliged to.'

the ruling Al Qassimi family.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ibn

Mohammad Al Qassimi also warned in newspaper interviews that his troops will shoot anyone who tries to disrupt the situation in the emirate on the southern fringes of the Gulf.

Troops have orders to open fire on any one who tries to undermine the emirate's security," Sheikh Abdul Aziz said in interviews published in Kuwait's Al Qabas, A Seyassah and Al Watan dailies.

Seyassah: "I am the legal ruler of Sharjah. I will not step down except by a decision of the ruling Sheikh Abdul Aziz says he had family backing to replace Sheikh Sultan, whom he accused of pil-

use violence unless we are

Sheikh Abdul Aziz told Al

Sagr, who had been his official deputy.
Diplomats said this suggested that the ruling family might itself be divided over who should hold ing up debts of some five billion dirhams (\$1.4 billion) through

Dubai, the second largest UAE

Dubai, was confident of being

reinstated, his wife Sheikha

Jawaher told Reuters by tele-

Dubai newspapers prominently

displayed pictures of Sheikh Sul-

tan, whom they referred to as

"ruler of Sharjah," receiving close members of his family in-

cluding another brother, Sheikh

phone from London.

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#### Israel says Arab cell responsible for Masri killing and other attacks captured "This group was brave and tors were able to track the com-

financial mismanagement and

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel has arrested a Palestinian commando squad in the occupied West Bank allegedly responsible for the killings of the mayor of Nablus and five other killings or attempted killings in the last two years, the head of the Israeli army central command said

Speaking at a news conference, General Amram Mitznah said the cell belonged to the Syrian-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), which claimed responsibility for the assassination of Mayor Zafer Al Masri in March last year.

Gen. Mitznah described the cell as particularly well-organised and effective.

"At least one of those detained was trained in Syria and they received all their weapons and orders from outside Israel and the West Bank," he said.

ideologically committed. Not mando cell after an apparent once did they get orders to carry attempt to kill the Arab mayor of out an attack and for any reason fail to carry out their mission. The late mayor's brother, Hikmat Al Masri, told Reuters the

him they had captured the assas-We always knew it was the PFLP," he said. In an apparently related development, Gen. Mitznah ordered the administrative deten-

Israeli authorities had informed

tion without trial of three Palestinian activists from the West Bank, an Israeli spokesman said. Two were described as PFLP

activists from the Dheishe refugee camp and the third as a resident of the town of Ramallah, freed in 1985 in a prisoner exchange with another Syrian-based group, the PFLP-General Command of Ahmad Jibril. Israeli sources said investigaGiacomelli berates Dheishe fence

A top United Nations official criticised Israel on Thursday for erecting a fence around the Dheishe refugee camp, and called the barrier an "ugly and very unpleasant contraption.

Giorgio Giacomelli, commissioner general of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), spoke during a 30-minute tour of Dheishe.

The army built the four-to-six metre high wire fence two weeks ago outside Dheishe, where 12,000 refugees live, after a spate of stoning attacks on Israeli vehi-

## Iran reports large force ready to stage anti-U.S. suicide attacks

BAHRAIN (Agencies) - Fifty June 28 "to defend the Gulf and battalions of Iranian zealots calling themselves "defenders" of arrogance," Iranian parlance for the Gulf paraded through Tehran Friday vowing to carry out suicide attacks against U.S. ships in the Gulf, Tehran Radio reported.

The radio quoted Revolutionary Guards spokesman Ali Reza Afshar said his forces had turned Iranian islands in the Gulf into "huge battleships that can easily hunt all of the enemy's ships and naval apparatus.'

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported that the supreme defence council met in Tehran Thursday night to discuss "the defensive plan for naval forces and the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps" in the Gulf following superpower intervention to protect Kuwaiti

Tehran Radio quoted Mr. Afshar as saying in a prayer sermon at Tehran University that the 400-man battalions of "martyrdom-seekers" will be deployed casualties.

the United States. U.S. defence officials are con-

cerned at Iran's deployment of Chinese-made Silkworm anti-ship missiles in the Strait of Hormuz, gateway to the Gulf, a potential threat to shipping and freedom of navigation in the waterway. Gulf shipping officials also

have reported that Revolutionary Guards naval units have been mining the approaches to Kuwait's Al Ahmadi oil terminal. Mr. Afshar's warning was the

latest in a daily broadside of threats made by Iranian leaders following U.S. and Soviet moves to help Kuwait, which Tehran charges aids Iraq, protect its shipping from Iranian attacks.
On the warfront meanwhile,

Iraq said Thursday its forces repulsed a fresh Iranian offensive on the Gulf war's southern flanks, causing heavy Iranian

A high command communique said the three-pronged offensive, aim ' at an area east of the Misau sector, was crushed.

It d thousands of Iranian troops were killed or wounded in the attack, which started at 2:30 a.m. (2230 GMT Wednesday) and ended at 1:35 p.m. (0935 GMT).

Iran launched a major crossborder offensive against the southern Iraqi city of Basra in

Iraq denied a Tehran claim that Iranian forces, backed by anti-Baghdad Kurds, captured strategic heights in northern Iraq during an operation launched overnight.

The head of the Iraqi Defence Ministry's political department, Abdul Jabbar Mohsen, told reporters there had been no fighting in the region since Wednes-

day afternoon. He said Iraqi troops repelled

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## **Anti-government violence spreads** in S. Korea; premier issues warning

SEOUL (Agencies) — The government warned on Friday that the anti-government violence that has raged for 10 straight days cannot be allowed to continue. "Should it become impossible

to restore law and order ... it would be inevitable for the government to make an extraordindecision," Prime Minister Lee Han-Key said in a nationwide television address. As he spoke, students hurling

rocks and firebombs again battled riot police, who counterattacked with armoured cars and barrages of tear-gas. A South Korean policeman

died when demonstrators commandeered a bus in Taejon, south of Seoul, and ploughed into ranks of riot policemen, Seoul Radio said. The bus mowed down four

police officers during a street battle and one later died, the radio said.

It was the first known fatality in 10 days of violent clashes between police and demonstrators

In his television address Mr. Lee did not say exactly what the

with reports the government is considering a number of strong measures, including ruling by emergency decree or martial law. In the first major government statement on the unrest, Mr. Lee urged Koreans to return to their

"I hope the public clearly realises that if we should fail to overcome the present difficulty in

a peaceful manner, the nation would plunge into a major crisis," Mr. Lee said Mr. Lee reports to President Chun. The opposition is seeking

the downfall of Mr. Chun's military-backed government and immediate democratic elections. Fierce clashes erupted Friday

Police armoured cars used multiple tear-gas launchers to fire thousands of gas bombs. "Down with the military dicta-

torship," the students chanted. Two of the biggest outbreaks were at Yonsei and Korea universities in Seoul. The demonstrations at Korea University brought a violent confrontation with police, who fired tear-gas barrages in attempts to quell the students who hurled rocks and

At Seoul National University on the edge of the capital city, about 8,000 students were reported to have held a rally with about 3,500 of them later taking over the school library for an overnight sit-in.

In the southern port city of Pusan, several thousand protesters were reported to have defied a driving rain to gather at a city centre, the same site tens of thousands had taken over Thursday in demonstrations that went

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Mr. Osseiran's 82-year-old page 4 In Bangladesh, no father, Adel, told the U.S. Columbia Broadcasting System in a. televised interview conducted in

English at his Beirut home: "Hiz-boliah is the party that has kidnapped them. However, he told AP in Arabic: "I have been told that Hizbollah carried out the abductions. But I personally make no accusa-

Sources close to the command of Syria's 7,500-man security force in west Beirut said semior officers demanded the release of day Syria had reconciled Leba-

bilateral talks under the conference and the full sessions.

prospects for Mideast conference

parties want," Mr. Perez de Cuel-lar said.

to the U.N. office in Geneva, said

Mr. Perez de Cuellar, on a visit

the main problems were determining the participants in the proposed U.N.-sponsored initiative and the relationship between The proposed conference would include Israel, Jordan,

Lebanon, Syria, Egypt and the PLO, Mr. Perez de Cuellar said. The five U.N. Security Council countries — the United States, the Soviet Union, China, Britain and France — would also take

Mr. Perez de Cuellar hinted the subject could be raised in his upcoming talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow.

> Masri holds talks in Copenhagen

In Denmark on Thursday, Mr. Taher Masri, the Jordanian foreign minister, met with his Danish counterpart and discussed the role the European Community can play in the efforts to convene an international peace conference on the Mideast.

Mr. Masri called for an active Danish role in efforts for Middle East peace and stressed the need

in pre-dawn telephone contacts

Radio, Mr. Masri said that his nhagen was aimed at

parties concerned without any

briefing Danish officials on the situation in the Middle East and familiarising himself with European efforts made for Arab-Israeli Mr. Masri added that the Dan-

officials expressed full understanding of the role the EC states Taking part in the discussions was also Sherif Fawwaz Sharaf

place despite Sweden's announced withdrawal of its contingent. The move is "regrettable" and raised concern, but ways of replacing the Swedes are

appointed" that leaders of Western industrialised nations at the Venice summit called only for a dialogue with developing countries to help solve their economic problems instead of formulating

ish foreign minister and other

Jordan's ambassador to West Germany and non-resident ambassador to Denmark. On other topics, the U.N. top executive said:

— The U.N. peacekeeping force in Cyprus will remain in being sought.

- He was "extremely dis-

#### "What is not clear in my mind is what kind of conference the for holding the proposed peace concrete policies. Osseiran accuses Hizbollah of latest kidnappings in Lebanon

accused Iranian-backed militants with Hizbollah leaders (See reof kidnapping his son and Amer-ican journalist Charles Glass in lated story on page 2).

In other Lebanon develop-Beirut two days ago as Syria demanded their swift release. ments: - Lebanon's top Shi'ite official, Parliamentary Speaker Hussein Husseini, said Thursday he had The Syrian demand to the fundamentalists of Hizbollah (Party

BEIRUT (Agencies) - Leba- Mr. Glass and Mr. Osseiran's son

reversed his decision to resign from his post. "I resumed my duties after members of parliament unani-

mously rejected my decision to resign," he told Reuters. Mr. Husseini, 50, an ally of Syria, quit on June 5, saying he would not change his mind "unless the circumstances of (Prime Minister) Rashid Karami's assas-

sination are revealed." Mr. Karami was killed by a homb planted on an army belicopter on June 1. President Amin Gemavel

ordered investigations into the assassination, but the killers have not so far been identified. - Damascus Radio said Thurs-

non's Druze and Shi'ite Amal militias, four months after bloody battles between the two prompted a Syrian troop deployment in west Beirut.

tion between Amal leader Nabih Berri and Druz leader Walid Junblatt was sponsored by Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam.

plan for the coming phase," the radio reported. Dany Chamoun, a candidate

for president of Lebanon in elections set for next year, on Thursday urged the United States to pressure Syria to end what he called its occupation of his "What does the United States

intend to do to free Lebanon

from this yoke of occupation by

the Syrian forces and bring back

Lebanon and give it a chance to

be an independent country and to

be able to continue a democratic

process?" he said (See page 2).

The radio said the reconcilia-"They agreed on a working

Army militia.

demanding the resignation of police with firebombs and rocks.

President Chun Doo Hwan.

Police armoured cars used multi-

government might do. But Korean newspapers have been filled

homes, jobs and schools and end the disturbances.

in the streets around several universities in the capital as students set up barricades and pelted riot on far into the night.

firebombs.

## Kidnappers of American newsman contact Syrians

Beirut four months ago to restore

900 metres from a Syrian check-

The kidnap took place about

"I saw three cars loaded with

gunmen intercept another one

with three people. They stepped down and surrounded it," said a

witness, adding: "I ran away thinking there might be shots."

Syria's head of military intelli-

gence in Lebanon, Brigadier Ghazi Kanaan, has called on

foreigners to return to west

Beirut, saying he personally

Many of the hostages are be-

lieved to be held in the crowded

southern suburbs of Beirut,

which are virtually surrounded by

Militia sources told Reuters the

kidnappers of Glass and Osseiran

were from the same clan groups

that already hold some of the 10

. They and other radical groups have made demands including the

release of Shi'ite prisoners in Kuwait, freedom for 400 Arabs

held by Israel, the release of a

suspected hijacker in West Ger-

many and an end to support for

claim to hold Glass and a U.S.

embassy spokeswoman said she

guaranteed their safety.

Syrian soldiers.

missing Americans.

had no information.

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Kidnappers of U.S. newsman Charles Glass and the son of Lebanon's defence minister are trying to strike a deal for their release with Syrian forces in Lebanon, a source close to the Syrians said Friday.

Defence Minister Adel Osseiran told reporters he had been advised his son Ali and Glass were held by the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God). "I insist that they all be released," he said.

A Hizbollah source told Reuters: "Hizbollah categorically de-nies reports that it kidnapped Osseiran and the American.

The group has always denied any link with the 29 foreigners missing, believed kidnapped in Lebanon. Most are believed to be held by pro-Iranian Shi'ite

Gunmen seized Glass, Osseiran and a policeman escorting them on Wednesday as they drove through Ouzai south of

"The kidnappers are known. Their people came to us to sound out the situation. The kidnappers are trying to save themselves in return for releasing their cap-tives," the source close to the Syrians said.

"It is not a trivial matter. We are considering all practical options," the source said.

A Lebanese political source said the Syrians were determined that Glass and Osseiran should be released, noting: "It is a big challenge to their power here.

The abduction of Glass, 36, was the first reported kidnap of a foreigner since more than 7,000

said Thursday that it was con-cerned for Glass but assumed that the seizure was an attempt to manipulate the United States, which would not yield to "terrorist blackmail. Syrian troops deployed in west

Glass, from Los Angeles, California, is married with five children. He came to Lebanon earlier this month to do freelance work for ABC Television News and to research a book he was writing on Lebanese political

The British wife of Glass said Thursday that he had good friends in the Middle East who were doing everything they could

"At the moment we just have to hope that he's safe," said Fiona Glass at the London home where the couple live with their five children.

"He has been staying with the family of the Lebanese defence minister and tried to be as careful as possible," Mrs. Glass told re-

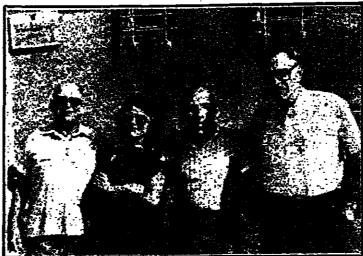
"I just have to hope everything will be all right. He loves the place, he loves the Lebanese people. He's very concerned about the country," she said.

"He was always cautious as be knew what the risks were. \*Obviously we had discussed

the possibility of him being kidnapped but he had to go to Lebanon to research his book," Mrs. Glass said. She said Glass had been in the

Iraq in the Gulf war.

No group has made a public region for about three weeks and was due to leave soon to go to



The four Israeli legislators who met with Palestine Liberation Organisation officials in Romania pose outside the Ramle court, where their trial opened Thursday. (From left to right) they are Eliezer Feiler, Yael Lotan, Latif Dori and Reuven Kaminer.

## Trial of four Israeli legislators suspended

four Israelis charged with meet-ing Palestine Liberation Orga-A spokess nisation (PLO) members was suspended after the defence attroneys charged the judge with

Meanwhile, an Israeli legislator met with a senior PLO official to demand a probe into the killing of a Jewish boy, Israel radio said. Ran Cohen of the leftist opposition Citizens' Rights Movement met in Washington with "a leading figure close to (the PLO leader) Yasser Arafat,"

the radio's Washington correspondent reported. The report said Cohen presented the PLO official with a demand that the PLO investigate the slaying of an eight-year-old Jewish boy, Rami Chaba. The

boy was found dead last month in

RAMLE (AP) — The trial of a cave in the Israeli-occupied

A spokeswoman for Cohen's movement, which holds four seats in the 120-member parliament, was not available at her home or office to comment on the

The trial of four Israelis who met with the PLO members last vear was suspended when defence attorneys asked the judge to disqualify himself, charging he was unfair.

Defence Attorney Avigdor Feldman accused Judge Avraham Baiser of putting the defence in an "unbearable situation" by constantly cutting off his line of questioning.

#### tion of anonymity. The risk arises from the administration's decision to put 11 Kuwaiti oil tankers under U.S. The proceedings were post-poned when Feldman said he would ask the supreme court to flags and captains and offer them the protection of the U.S. navy as

moderate.

the decision.

## Vorontsov: Iranian people

leader was quoted Friday as saying the Iranian people wanted peace but their leaders were intent on pursuing the war with

interested in peace and stability in the region but the officials hold a different view," Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli

Mr. Vorontsov left Baghdad Thursday after visiting both Iran and Iraq. A Kuwaiti press report that he was promoting a Soviet plan aimed at halting attacks on Gulf shipping as a first step to-wards ending the war has not

officially advocating their same old slogans towards the war," Al Jumhuriya quoted him as saying. He did not elaborate.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defence Department will review they pass through the Gulf. The reflagging is scheduled to start in

'Pentagon to review its forecast of

Kuwait is an ally of Irao in the Iran-Iraq war, and the apparently accidental May 17 missile attack by an Iraqi warplane on the navy frigate Stark has heightened congressional concerns about the

U.S. officials said the Pentagon has dispatched navy experts to administration of President the Gulf to assess the danger posed to shipping by mines said to have been placed near the coast of Kuwait by Iran. While the evaluation has vet to

sonnel and ships in the Gulf.
As William Webster, the new
CIA director, briefed senators be completed, navy and Pentagon officials are convinced at this about the potential dangers in the administration's plan to place point that Iran's use of mines would pose "a manageable threat," the sources said. "We aren't overly concerned," said Kuwaiti tankers under U.S. protection, presidential spokesman one Pentagon official.

The differences between the Marlin Fitzwater said the CIA

assessment "relates to the possi-CIA and the Pentagon were bility of terrorism against Kuwait, which is something different than the risk to our military fleet." among the topics Thursday at a closed-door, informal meeting of As for the risk against U.S. senators and top administration military personnel, Mr. Fitzwater national security officials.

Along with Mr. Webster, the said the White House shares the

meeting was attended by Frank Pentagon's view that it is "low to Carlucci, President Reagan's national security adviser; and Adm. William Crowe Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Asked if the Reagan administration regarded a "low to moderate" risk as acceptable, Mr. Fitzwa-Among the participating lawter said, "Yes. That's assumed in makers were Senators John War-During the two-hour meeting,

ner, ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee, and James Sasser, a Democrat, who returned from a Gulf visit three Although Sen. Warner and

Sen. Sasser refused to spell out the differing assessments, congressional sources who declied to lay mines was made on May Congress that there is a high killed, Adm. Moorer said.

risks to U.S. servicemen in Gulf probability that Iran may sponsor some type of attack on U.S. some type of attack on U.S. navy ships or against shipping that won't be protected by the navy.

The intelligence agency reportedly warned that terrorise attacks difficult to trace back in Iran could be undertaken, leaving the United States unable to re-

The CIA's assessments were delivered earlier this week to closed meetings of the House and Senate Armed Services Commit-

The Pentagon report assessed only the direct Iranian military threat against U.S. interests, and did not address the larger ques-tion of a terrorist-type attack. Meanwhile, a former top U.S.

officer said Thursday, the United States should lay mines around Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal if Iran attacks Kuwaiti vessels operating under U.S. protection.
Admiral Thomas Moorer chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1970 to 1974, said the

mines would cut Iran's oil exports, limit casualties ad demonstrate U.S. resolve: "Otherwise you'd be the victim of the bully on the block," Adm. Moorer told a forum sponsored

by Georgetown University's Centre for Strategic and International Adm. Moorer, an ex-chief of naval operations, said he was a longstanding advocate of mine

use, notably based on his experience in mining Haiphong Harbour during the Vietnam War. No ships entered the harbour for two years after the decision to be identified said the CIA told 1972, and no one was hurt or

#### Turkey must recognise 'Armenian' genocide' to join EC — Europarliament STRASBOURG, France (Agen- refused to vote on the resolution,

cies) — The European Parliament has said Turkish recognition as genocide of the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Armenians in 1915 should be a precondition of its entry into the European Community (EC).

The parliament, the elected assembly of the 12-nation Community, passed a resolution by 68 votes to 60 with 42 abstentions condemning the deaths in the last days of the Ottoman empire as deliberate and organised geno-

Several hundred demonstrators Armenian people" gathered outside the parliament as the voting was taking place.

The parliament said that although Turkey should not be held responsible for the killings. its application to join the Community should be made contingent on acknowledging genocide. Turkey formally submitted its application for membership in

April in the face of stiff resistance from Greece and from other member states who viewed Ankara's bid as premature. Two-thirds of the 518 members

arguing the parliament was not the right place to judge events which took place long before the Community was founded.

"We cannot sit in judgement on historical events," British Conservative parliamentarian Michael Welsh said. "The European parliament must learn to discipline itself and contain its pretensions."

The Armenian issue has dominated this week's session in Strasbourg. Members have engaged in lengthy debate over the role of the assembly, whose powdemanding "justice for the ers are limited to block the Community's budget and delay EC decisions.

Demonstrators outside insisted that Turkey should never be allowed to join the Community, many pressing against the heavily guarded barrier to tell of relatives who died or were tortured in

In a written statement, former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said Turkey should not be held responsible for the deeds of a defunct state. He added that the responsibility of the Ottoman administration for the massacres compensation.

had never been proven.

The Turkish Grand Assembly, or parliament, sent a high-level delegation to Strasbourg in a lastditch effort to stop the vote.

Mukerrem Hic, vice-chairman of Turkey's ruling Motherland Party, warned the resolution will spark a wave of Armenian-inspired attacks against Turkish targets.
He said the document, drafted

by Belgian nationalist Jaak Vandemeulebroucke, "distorts history" and levels against the country "unfounded accusations concerning minority rights" of the estimated 50,000 Armenians liv ing in Turkey.

The European Parliament's report said the forced resettlement and the killing of Armenians during the war years 1915-17 "must be described as genocide within the meaning of the U.N. Conven-tion on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide."

According to the parliament, Turkey's acknowledgement would "of course, only have mor-al consequences," and would not obligate the government to pay

#### Dany Chamoun seeks U.S. pressure for Syrian pullout

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - occupation by the Syrian forces Lebanese presidential candidate and ... give it a chance to be an Dany Chamoun said Thursday he independent country and be able wants the United States and its to continue a democratic proallies to exert diplomatic pressure cess. on Syria to force it to withdraw its troops from Lebanon.

Mr. Chamoun, a Maronite Catholic and the son of former Lebanese President Camille Chamoun, is the National Liberal Party candidate to succeed President Amin Gemavel in September 1988. Under an unwritten political agreement, Lebanese Falangists hold the presidency and the Sunnis the premiership.

He told a news conference at the United Nations that he will meet in Washington next week in South Lebanon until a strengwith White House Chief of Staff thened Lebanese central govern-Howard Baker, Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy and other U.S. officials to seek a the country "is managed and definition of the U.S. policy to-ruled by an occupation army

Syria, which Mr. Chamoun said had 30,000 to 40,000 troops in Lebanon, is the chief power broker in the country that has suffered 12 years of civil war. Mr. Chamoun, 52, said he wants to find out what the United

States intends to do "to free

should be directed against Syria and suggested a U.N.-sponsored international conference on

Mr. Chamoun stressed he was

talking about diplomatic pressure

and not military action. He said

international diplomatic action

Syria claims it has intervened in-Lebanon to enforce peace between warring militias. Mr. Chamoun also said he

understands Israel's need to keep its self-proclaimed security zone ment can take control of the area. But he said most of the rest of

backed by political intention ... to implement final hegemony on Lebanon and absorb Lebanon and create out of it a political satellite totally under the management of Syria."

Mr. Chamoun said Thursday that he had warned kidnapped American journalist Charles Lebanon from this yoke of Glass to stay out of west Beirut. I nearly seven years.

# want peace

officials said the Pentagon was in

the process of reviewing its

assessment of the threat, accord-

ing to sources speaking on condi-

its long-range forecast about the threats to U.S. servicemen in the

Gulf in the face of a CIA judg-

ment which forecasts higher risks,

The reassessment was offered

during a meeting on Thursday

between legislators and top

national security officials of the

Ronald Reagan, the sources said.

At the same time, the White

House said it regards as "low to

moderate" the risks for U.S. per-

congressional sources say.

BAGHDAD (R) - A Soviet

Trag.
"The Iranian people are very. Vorontsov told the Iraqi govern-ment newspaper Al Jumhuriya.

been officially confirmed. "The Iranian leaders are still

Tehran has dismissed all re-

gional and international efforts to stop the war, which has lasted

#### **Iranian-British relations** reduced to caretaker status LONDON (AP) - Diplomatic back to resuming full diplomatic

links between Britain and Iran have been reduced to caretaker status in a dispute over the arrest of an Iranian official in Britain for alleged shoplifting and the subsequent beating-up of a British official in Tehran.

But Foreign Secretary Sir

relations if there are prospects of a "sensible" Iranian reaction. Howe told reporters that Prime

Minister Margaret Thatcher's government had stopped short of a formal diplomatic break because it wants to leave the door Geoffrey Howe said Thursday agar" for a return to "sensible night that Britain is ready to get realistic relations" with Iran

## Algeria, Libya announce plan for political unity

between their countries, a joint statement has said.

The proposed union is Libya's third attempt to Unite with its North African neighbours after siasm to the proposal, but ack-

Libya's number two leader.

neighbours.

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#### WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS **EXHIBITIONS** 

An exhibition of Arab calligraphy by Nidal Tabbal at the Jordanian plastic artists association (until Ju.: 20).

An exhibition of paintings by Jany Bourdais at the Architectural Gallery.
 Riyadh Centre, Jabal Amman (until

 An exhibition of photos on the occasion of the Great Arab Revolt and Army Day at Yarmouk University in Irbid. An art exhibition by Omar Bssoul at

the Housing Bank Centre's gallery (until July 18). An exhibition of plastic art by Hiyam Abaza and Huda Qasem at the Royal Cultural Centre (until June 25).

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MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m - 6:00 pm. Closed on Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th roturies. The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening bours: 9.00 a.m. 5 p.m.
Year-round. Tel. 651760.
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening bours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jubal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Closed Tucsdays. Tel. 630126.

Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Anuman. Opening hours 9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holi-Lions Philadelphis Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m. Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Am-man. Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534, 817534.

**CHURCHES** 

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590. Church of the Ammaciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel. 637440. De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757. Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic), Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian lan-guage, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel: 622366 Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541. Anglican Church (Church of the Re-dectner) Jabai Amman, Tel. 625383. an Catholic Church Ashrafich, Tel. 771331. Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fich, Tel. 775261.

nen, Tel. 7/5261. St. Ephrain Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafich, Tel. 77/751. Amnan International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern

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Thursday rates 

WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of

The weather will be fair in the billy areas, but hazy and cloudy at other places. In Aqaba, the winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

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#### ALGIERS (R) - Algeria and three-day official visit to Algeria Libya are considering a union Thursday with a call for a full

abortive attempts to achieve this nowledged that the two sides with Tunisia and Morocco. discussed substantial improve-A statement after three days of

talks between senior officials of the two governments, said they had "studied a political document concerning a union between Libya and Algeria, which will be submitted to the leaderships of the two countries."

political merger of the two Arab

Algerian officials and commentators responded without enthidiscussed substantial improvements in cultural, economic and technical cooperation.

Mr. Jalloud came with a large delegation which conferred with an Algerian delegation headed by Mohammad Cherif Messaadia, secretary general of Algeria's ruling National Liberation Front and also was received by Algerian

## Abdesselam Jalloud, ended a President Chadli Benjedid.

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has to do with a planned confer-

ence of Arab writers which would

be hosted by the JWA in March 1988. The government did not want the JWA in its current

structure to host the conference,

Another member of the JWA

board noted that the government

was willing to pick up the \$150,000 tab of the conference,

but then conflict arose as to who

would run the conference: the

JWA or the Ministry of Culture,

ble, but we decided to form a

committee consisting of both

IWA and government officials.

However, when the government

asked for the JWA to change to a

federation under government rule, we disagreed," he said, adding the JWA was willing to

become a federation without gov-

quoted as saying that a special-

ised committee grouping senior

writers, intellectuals and universi-

ty professors would be set up to

work in cooperation with the

Ministry of Tourism, Culture and

Antiquities for laying down new

A ministry spokesman was

ernment "interference."

"Legally, the JWA is responsi-

Fourism and Antiquities.

the member claimed.

### Crown Prince, Princess begin visit of U.K.

AMMAN (Petra) — Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath began a private visit to the United Kingdom on Friday.

Upon their departure from Amman on Thursday, they were seen off by Prince Ghazi, Prime John Coles and Minister Zaid Rifai, Chief of the ernment officials.

Royal Court Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Minister of Higher Education Nassereddine Al Assad and Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan along with the British Ambassador to Jordan Arthur John Coles and Jordanian gov-

### Al al Bait Foundation concludes 6th meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The 6th annual meeting of the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al al Bart Foundation) concluded here on Friday and recommended that His Majesty King Hussein's address to the opening session be one of the basic documents of the conference and a guideline for the

They also recommended that all the ideas contained in His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's speech to the conference be the starting point for discussions and follow up works, particularly those related to coordination among Islamic institutions and to the need for a humanitarian perspective on scientific and economic studies.

#### Crown Prince's speech In his speech to the conference.

the Crown Prince called for coordination among academies in the Islamic World. Prince Hassan said such coop-

eration ought to focus mainly on the humanities and natural sciences which he said are closely connected with the Islamic faith and the development of mankind. Referring to the current meeting of the foundation, Prince

Hassan said that it is working to promote Islamic education, and to prepare encyclopaedia on Islamic civilisation.

At the close of the meeting on Friday, conferees called on the academy to form working teams and specialised committees which will be entrusted with assessing and evaluating the academy's achievements. They also en-dorsed the basic steps for finalising a comprehensive encyclopaedia on Islamic civilisation and thanked the academy for its

efforts to give life to this project.
They also thanked the academy for issuing analytical indexes of Islamic education and economy and called on the society to pursue its efforts in these fields. The conferees further asked

By Samir Al Hiari

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The summary dis-

missal of bank employees in Jor-

dan over the past weeks and the

controversy surrounding this ac-

tion by at least two foreign owned

banks were at the centre of a

meeting of the Central Bank of

Jordan (CBJ) on Thursday, and

the president of the General Un-

on of Bank Employees (GUBE)

in Jordan was quoted as saying

that the CBJ governor does not

approve of the dismissal mea-

Two of the foreign banks oper-

ating in Jordan, the British Bank

of the Middle East and the Grind-

lays Bank Ltd, were earlier re-

ported to have laid off at least 32 of their employees, a move that

The meeting on Thursday was attended by CBJ Governor Hus-

sein Al Qasem, his deputy Dr.

Maher Shukri and board mem-

bers of the GUBE. The subject of

with both Mr. Qassem and Dr.

Shukri expressing their regret for discussals which they said would

adversely affect the banking busi-

GUBE President Haidar

Rashid, who attended the meet-

uess in Jordan.

sais was examined in detail

was deplored by the union.

Firing of bank employees

prompts CBJ meeting

the academy to compile all research already undertaken about education in the Islamic World into one volume, and to endorse an introduction explaining the objectives of this project.

The conference also decided to

set up a joint committee grouping representatives from the Al al Bait Foundation, the Islamic Academy for Science and Technology, the Islamic Figh Academy, and other Islamic in-Academy, and other islamic in-stitutions to organise joint meet-ings and dialogue designed to clarify their goals and objectives.

On the occasion of the conclusion of the Al al Bait Foundation 6th annual conference, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the conference chairman, sent a cable of thanks to His Majesty King Hussein in which he said that Muslim scholars who took part in the conference express their deep appreciation and thanks to the King for his royal patronage and for the royal speech which His Majesty delivered at the conference's opening

"Your Majesty's speech contained a clear-cut insight for the direction of Islamic work throughout Islamic World and serves as a guideline for Islamic thought in its future aspirations," the cable said.

Prince Hassan added that the Muslim scholars wished the King continuing good health and success in his efforts and endeavours to serve the Muslim nation. President of Al al Bait Founda-

tion, Dr. Nassereddine Al Assad. sent a cable to Prince Hassan in which he expressed his deep thanks and appreciation to the Crown Prince for his chairmanship of the conference and for the care and interest he accorded to the conference.

In his cable, Dr. Assad said that Prince Hassan's participation in the conference enriched the conference's discussions with genuine thought and right directives.

will hold an extraordinary meet-

ing to deal with the problem and

to look into menas of stopping

this "arbitrary action" which, he

said, tend to negatively affect

the status and threaten the future

of all bank employees in the

GUBE in Jordan had sent a

memorandum to the CBJ gov-

ernor uring him to interfere and

put an end to such measures by

bank managements. The memor-

andum said that a number of

banks have forced some of their

employees to resign threatening

to fire them if they did not

These measures resulted in the

creation of confusion within the

financial and banking sector in

Jordan, and led to fears that

similar dismissal measures would

be copied by others banks, Mr.

He said that these measures

were taken at a time when most

banks in Jordan have been mak-

ing profits and no decrease in

their operations had been de-

The GUBE sent copies of the memorandum to Minister of

Labour and Social Development

Khaled Al Haj Hassan and the

president of the Association of

Jordan Times, Mr. Rashid said

that the Cairo Amman Bank was

contemplating similar dismissal

and contacts between the GUBE

and the banak management was

going on. Mr. Rashid said that the GUBE was also seeking help

from the Federation of Jordanian

Labour Unions to find a solution

In an earlier interview with

Jordanian Banks (AJB).

comply.

Rashid noted.

According to Mr. Rashid, the



the eighth batch of Yarmonk University on Thursday at the Municipality Stadium in Irbid. Also attending were Her Majesty Queen Noor, Prime

Minister Zaid Rifai (to the King's right), Yarmonk University President Dr. Mohammad Hamdan (to the King's left), Chief of Royal Court Marwan Al

## King graduates Yarmouk students

IRBID (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein attended a ceremony for the graduation of 2,537 students from Yarmouk University and distributed degrees to the male and female students in the presence of Her Majesty Queen Noor, university staff, and thousands of relatives of the graduates.

The graduation of the eighth batch of students took place at the Municipality Stadium in Irbid where speeches were made be-fore the King distributed the de-

AMMAN (Petra) — The Young

Women's Christian Association (YWCA) opened its 14th flower

exhibition at the Intercontinental

Hotel in Amman on Thursday,

under the patronage of Her

Majesty Queen Zein, the Queen

The two-day exhibition has been organised in cooperation

with local institutions and Arab

and foreign embassies in Am-

man. The proceeds of the show

will benefit the YWCA's bran-

ches in Amman, Jerusalem.

Madaba, Husan and Jericho and

also the association's projects being carried out in Palestinian

The Queen Mother inspected

various flower arrangements on

display and heard a speech from

Mrs. Suhailah Maqdah, director

of the YWCA's Amman branch,

who paid tribute to the Queen

Mother for her keenness on

promoting charity work in the

Kingdom and her continued sup-

port of women's activities in the

VIENNA (Petra) - Interior

Minister Rajai Dajani has stres-

sed Jordan's keen interest in com-

batting narcotic trafficking and

expressed Jordan's readiness to

cooperate with the international

efforts designed to combat narco-

tic trafficking, circulation and

Jordan is ready to take part in

any international efforts aimed at

combatting narcotics trafficking

and drug addiction, according to

the conference's theme: Yes to

life, no to narcotics, Mr. Dajani

promotion.

refugee camps.

Dr. Mohammad Hamdan, Yarmouk University president, made a speech on the occasion voicing the university's pride in having the King attend this occasion. He said that the King had been keen on providing education for Jordanian people and has come to share with his citizens their joy and their happiness.

The university, which started off 11 years ago with 600 students and 50 teachers, now boasts officials together with the rela-12,000 students and 500 teachers, tives of the graduates.

Queen Mother opens charity flower show

Among those attending the ceremony with the King were Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Chief of the Royal Court Marwan Al

## tion and the university for pur-

One of the female students delivered an address on behalf of the graduates paying tribute to the King for his care for educasuing efforts in providing knowledge to its students.

Qasem, Cabinet members and

## World Bank to loan \$96.4m for electrification, low income housing.

Writers group plans legal

By Jordan Times Staff Reporters

AMMAN — The Jordanian Writers Association

(JWA) has decided to seek legal recourse against the

government decision to dissolve the association, said a member of the JWA administrative board.

The member, who requested anonymity, said that all members

of the board, except for one who

is outside the country, have signed the request to seek legal

recourse. This was in response to

the decision taken on Wednesday

by the military governor general

(the prime ministry), issuing a

defence order to close the writers

According to agencies' reports, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, acting according to his powers under martial law, disbanded the JWA because of political activities by

The Associated Press quoted

Haider Mahmoud, director of

culture and arts, as saying the

prime minister closed the associa-

tion because most of its 300 mem-

bers were not writers and some

were using the JWA as a cov

which are banned.

for partisan political activities,

closure, the Ministry of Culture,

In announcing the order for

association offices.

its members.

action after closing of offices

while the purpose behind estab-

lishing the association was to give

momentum to the literary and

cultural movement in Jordan, the

association gradually started

accepting members who were not linked with literary or cultural

The ministry said that the

members had gone beyond the association's aims by using the

JWA as a meeting place to serve their own selfish interests.

Reuters quoted the association

president, Khalid Karaki, as con-

firming on Thursday that the gov-

ernment had closed the offices.

but that he had not been officially

informed of the action. "I did not receive any reasons." he was

JWA members have, however,

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ed to the annual elections for a

new JWA committee that had

been scheduled to take place on

A member of the JWA board

Closure, the Ministry of Culture, A member of the JWA board Antiquities for laying down new Tourism and Antiquities said that interviewed by the Jordan Times foundations for the movement.

work of any sort.

quoted as saying.

Thursday and Friday.

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Jordan will receive two loans totalling \$96.4 million to support projects aimed at increasing electrical production and improving housing in slum and squatter areas, the World Bank said.

The bank said it is making a \$70-million loan to help fund a \$257.8-million project designed to meet its future power needs, primarily by expanding a steam power plant at Aqaba by adding wo 130-megawatt units.

It said the other loan is \$26.4 million to support a project to provide affordable housing, urban infrastructure and social services to low-income families in

slum and squatter areas. Her Majesty Queen Zein, the Queen Mother, tours the flower show sponsored by the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) at the Intercontinental Hotel on Thursday. The proceeds of the show will go to benefit the YWCA's various projects (Photo Hagop Toranian). The power project, which will upgrade substations at Aqaba and Amman-South, is expected to improve the quality of power supply services and continue in-The opening ceremony was diplomatic missions in Jordan and attended by wives of heads of an audience of invited guests. stitution-building efforts of the

Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA), the bank said. In addition to the bank loan, the project is being financed by \$24 million from both the Arab Fund and the Kuwait Fund, \$14 efforts against drug abuse, trafficking million from both the Islamic Development Bank and \$5 million from the OPEC fund.

JEA will provide \$72.3 million and \$48.5 million is expected to from export and suppliers' credit, the bank said.

The bank said the \$93.3 million housing project is expected to improve the quality of life for about 8,000 low-income families

in poorly serviced areas. Both loans are for 17 years, including four years of grace, and carry a variable interest rate, currently 7.92 per cent, which is inked to the bank's cost of bor-

behind narcotics trafficking lies in Jordan's central location between The United States Agency for the producing and consuming International Development countries. Given this fact, Jordan (USAID) will provide up to \$25 was used by traffickers as a transit million in loan guarantees to the Housing Bank through the Minis-Speaking about Jordan's try of Finance to encourage the efforts to combat narcotic trafprovision of more low income ficking locally and international-

> Through loans by U.S. banks guaranteed by USAID, the dual focus Housing Guarantee Programme hopes to encourage private developers to participate in low-income housing construction projects, and to increase the availability of long-term mortgages for low-income families. Loans to eligible beneficiaries can be utilised for the purchase of

housing in the Kingdom, accord-

ing to a USIS press release.

new homes, for new construction, or for rehabilitation of existing

The Housing Guarantee Programme is being administered by the Housing Bank. The bank expects to provide financing for a minimum of 1,500 units, half constructed by private developers and the other half reserved for

individual mortgage loans.

The first call for funds from

the first tranche.

A second call for funds for the remaining \$10 million under the current programme is expected to be issued later this year by the Ministry of Finance.

According to USAID officials in Amman, it is hoped that the current Housing Guarantee Programme will demonstrate the feasibility of providing low income housing in Jordan and that U.S. investors for \$15 million the programme will be a catalyst resulted in an agreement between for similar ones on the part of Jordan and Čitibank of New Jordanian financial institutions York as the successful bidder for and developers in the Kingdom.

The Jordanian delegation, Mr.

Israeli arbitrary measures and

along with Arab group countries

to the conference requested the

UNEP to study and investigate

ment in the occupied Arab terri-

tories as a result of Israeli occupa-

### Hamdan returns from UNEP panel

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of of the total area under its occupa-Municipal and Rural Affairs and tion in the West Bank. the Environment Yousef Hamdan has returned to Amman after Hamdan pointed out, submitted a heading Jordan's delegation to the meetings of the 14th confer-ence of the United Nations Enreport to the conference on their negative effect on environvironmental Programme (UNEP) ment in the occupied Arab terriheld in Nairobi, Kenya on June 8. tories. He also added that Jordan

Mr. Hamdan said that the conference discussed several topics related to environmental protection and nature conservation the world.

The minister added that he delivered Jordan's address to the conference in which he outlined Jordan's activities and efforts to protect the environment and wa-

ter resources in the Kingdom. In his address, Mr. Hamdan called for intensifying international efforts and taking practical measures to halt desertification, combat drought, protect environment and territorial water throughout the world. He also

During the conference, Mr. Hamdan also met with a number of Arab and foreign delegates to the conference with whom he discussed cooperation and the exchange of experiences between Jordan and their countries.

The minister also pointed out that he discussed with the UNEP executive director, Dr. Mustafa Tulba possibility of UNEP assistance in setting up a national spoke about Israeli inhuman centre for environment informapractices against Arab population tion in Jordan to provide infinithe occupied West Bank and its confiscation of nearly 50 per cent region's countries.

### 1,275 expatriates return in last half of 1986

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Labour and Social Development estimates the number of Jordanian expatriate workers who have returned to settle n Jordan, between July last year and the end of 1986, at 1,275 persons.

A ministry spokesman said that 97 per cent of the returning expatriates came from Arab countries, mostly from Saudi Arabia,

Kuwait and the United Arab

Nearly 34.5 per cent of these returnees are skilled workers and 11.3 per cent have been employed in offices. More than half of the returning expatriates are aged between 25 and 40, the spokesman said.

He said that those of young age and with skills can be absorbed in the local market.

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Dajani voices support for int'l

international conference on drugs

abuse and illegal trafficking of

narcotics, currently held in Vien-

na, Mr. Dajani said that narcotics

trafficking in Jordan is not a

major problem. But, he said, out

of an awareness of the gravity of

the narcotic trafficking problem,

Jordan has made every possible

effort to combat this phe-

nomenon and to defeat its con-

formation available in Jordan, no

more than 13 out of every 10,000

According to statistics and in-

#### Sharif Zaid opens telephone exchange

AMMAN (Petra) - Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, the commander-in-chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces, on Thursday opened the army headquarters new electronic telephone exchange system. The new exchange was described as one of the world's modern exchanges and is designed to promote communications within the armed services. Field Marshal Sharif Zaid toured the different sections of the exchange unit and was briefed on its operations. Attending the opening ceremony was a group of senior army officers including Army Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Fathi

#### 7 people killed in week's accidents

AMMAN (Petra) — A total of seven people were killed and 203 others injured in 314 road accidents that occurred in the Kingdom in the past week, according to a bulletin released by the Public Security Department (PSD). It said that 173 accidents occurred in the Amman Governorate

#### Canal to be named after King Abdullah

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Royal Decree has been issued naming the East Ghor Canal in the Jordan Valley after the late King Abdullah Ibn Hussein, the grandfather of His Majesty King

#### Phosphate, potash exports up

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan's exports of phosphate reached 528,300 tonnes during the first three months of this year, against 519,200 tonnes exported during the same period in 1986, which means an increase of 8,100 tonnes. Exports for potash during the first three months of this year also reached 89,500 tonnes up from 74,700 tonnes during the same period of 1986 which means an increase of 4,800 tonnes.

#### Man sentenced for hashish dealing

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court has sentenced Jamaliddin Mohammad Naser Qasem, a fugitive from law, to life imprisonment with hard labour for dealing in hashish. The general military governor endorsed the sentence.

#### to supervising an education campaign to make people aware of the dangers of narcotics. It is also supervising a centre especially set up to treat narcotic

Addressing participants in an of Jordan's population deals in

narcotics and the majority of

them have come from abroad,

Percentage of the Jordanians

involved in narcotics trafficking

was no more than 50 per cent of

those who were arrested in Jor-

dan on narcotics trafficking

Jordan is transit country

country for the narcotic trade.

ly, Mr. Dajani said Jordan set up

a special department for combat-

ting narcotics in 1973 and has

used heavy sanctions against traf-

played an important role in con-

trolling the misuse of drugs and

narcotics and is supervising all

activities relating to prevention,

remedy and follow up, in addition

The Ministry of Health has also

fickers to deter others.

He noted that the real problem

charges, Mr. Dajani said.

Mr. Dajani noted.

addicts who have been arrested. Mr. Dajani added that a national committee, grouping representatives from all parties concerned, has been formed to undertake studies and research and to propose solutions to the narcotic problem.

There are also voluntary committees supporting the activities of the official committees in the fields of raising public awareness on the dangers of narcotics.

#### Pan-Arab action

At the pan-Arab level, Mr. Dajani said, Jordan has contributed towards drawing up an Arab strategy to combat the illegal use of narcotics, which was approved in 1986. It also contributed to the Unified Arab Law on narcotics which was endorsed by the Arab group in 1986. Jordan has also amended the narcotics law to cope with the pan-Arab trend.



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ing, said that his union had been informed by the CBI that it does not approve of laying off bank employees, but rather it advises all banks to expand and to open new tranches in the Kingdom. The CBJ, Mr. Rashid said, has received assurances from different banks that no more lay-offs

Mr. Rashid said that the union to the problem. Wildhife reserve to expand

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature RSCN has extended the boundaries of the Shomary Wildlife Reserve near Azraq to increase the area to 320 square kilometres. It has decided to

change its name to Al Azraq Desert Wildlife Reserve. A society spokesman said that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has promised to contriinte to the expansion project at the wildlife reserve which formerhad an area of 22 square

He said that the society had earlier drawn up an agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture under which the society will pur-

sue the expansion project. In another developement, a society spokesman said that hunting of animals and birds in territory lying east of the Hijaz Railway in the Jordanian desert has been banned. He said that violators of the new ban will be prose-

#### **ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS**

#### Friday's

#### Al Ra'i: A new stage of development

KING Hussein Thursday distributed degrees to a new batch of graduates from Yarmouk University, an event which marks another stage in Jordan's development and construction. The event followed close on the graduation of another batch of students from the University of Jordan and also coming in a week that witnessed the meeting of the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al al Bait Foundation). All these events clearly point to this country's orientation towards education and development with particular attention to the development of the skills of the citizen to whom all development projects are dedicated. This country which has been pursuing the course of education and development is bound to achieve its aspirations and goals with the help of its citizens and the wise direction of its leadership. Education, and knowledge combined with faith is probably the most effective weapon for the future generations, and armed with both, the young people of the Kingdom can attain great achievements for their Arab Nation. We congratulate the graduates and hope that they will maintain their enthusiasm for serving their Arab Nation.

#### Al Dustour: Zionists attack Pope

AS SOON as the programme of a visit by Austrian President Kurt Waldheim has been released, Israeli and Zionist propaganda campaigns were unleashed, attacking this visit and the Pope for planning to receive the Austrian leader. In Zionism's view the Pope is committing a crime by meeting with a man that had been condemned by Zionism for alleged actions during the Second World War. First, the Zionists launched propaganda campaigns against Dr. Waldheim and now they are launching campaigns attacking the Pope, and this is not strange for a state like Israel which does not approve of Waldheim's policy and stands in the Middle East. With these attacks on the Pope Israel hopes to isolate Waldheim and make the Vatican adopt a policy similar to that of the United States which had banned Waldheim from entering U.S. territory. Israel thought that it had succeeded in its falsehoods and intrigues against Waldheim and had marred his prestige through its campaigns, but it turned out that the Austrian president gained more popularity as a result within Austria and in the world at large. The world public opinion has realised and blackmail attempts and a new victim of Zionist conspiracies.

#### Sawt Al Shaab: Israel's new invasion

ISRAEL'S Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has been moving from one African state to another in the course of his present tour of the Black continent, luring the Africans and promising technical and military aid. The Arabs for their part have failed to stop Israel from re-infiltrating African countries through explaining their position and exposing Israel's atrocities in Palestine. The door was made open for Israel largely due to the deteriorating economic situation in Africa and the problems of drought, desertification and poverty they wereplagued with for many years. These African states that welcomed Shamir are hoping to get technical know-how and also economic assistance from the United States through the Jewish state but they do not realise the far-reaching aims and goals of Israel in the continent. In fact, Shamir and his delegation represent a new form of European and American colonial elements paving the way for a return of colonial powers to the Black continent. Shamir is paving the way through his tour after he had practised this game in our region.

#### Thursday's

#### Al Ra'i: A plan for Gulf peace?

IF reports about a new Soviet plan for ending the Gulf conflict acceptable to both sides are true then this means that Moscow had decided after all to put all its weight behind endeavours to bring about peace to the Gulf region. If the plan proves successful then the Soviet Union will have aborted the designs of the enemies of peace and those that have been exploiting the sufferings of the Iranian and Arab people for their own selfish interests with no consideration to human principles and values. The Soviet plan is said to provide for an immediate cessation of raids on oil tankers and Iraqi-Iranian negotiations under Soviet umbrella for reaching an acceptable formula that would put an end to all hostilities between the two countries. This plan is bound to succeed if the Soviet Union does not harbour any intention of imposing hegemony on the Gulf region and its countries, nor does it aim at attaining selfish interests. Such plan of course reflects the peace-loving nature of the Soviet Union which seeks justice to be established in the Gulf, and therefore Iran ought to respond favourably to such a plan and to the calls of religion and conscience. By opening the door for peace, Iran would pave the way for new and strong relations with the Arab Nation and would contribute to the stability and the reconstruction of the region.

#### Al Dustour: Israel plans new invasion

ISRAEL'S actions over the past few weeks all indicate that it is planning for a new aggression on South Lebanon to achieve the objectives that eluded the 1982 invasion. Israel has been paving the way for this expected aggression through continued shelling of villages in South Lebanon and has been massing troops along the so-called "security-zone" in that area. Israel, which is armed to the teeth, is tempted to launch one raid after another against the civilian and military targets alike, and it seems to be intent on forcing theinhabitants of the southern regions of Lebanon to succumb to domination and hegemony, a policy which proved a failure over the past years. We consider these raids and shellings of Lebanese territory as a prelude to a wide-scale campaign, similar to the 1982 invasion. What is happening in South Lebanon represents a first step leading to another Israeli onslaught on the Arab country, which would eventually lead to bloodshed and more violence. Indeed another aggression on Lebanon would cause more casualties among the Israeli invaders and more complications for the Israeli government. Despite their barbaric actions and their atrocities the Israelis cannot and will not succeed in stifling the resistance and can never achieve their expansionist goals.

#### View From Amman

## Arab politics in crisis

IN continuing our analysis of the nature of the political crisis of the Arab World, we are not so much interested in theory as in a description and an assessment of its present nature. The ancient Greek political thought of Plato and Aristotle remains a useful tool in the analysis of the politics of today. The Greeks divided politics into: Those ruled by one man; those ruled by the few (oligarchy); and those ruled by the many. Should there be an agreement on the basic broad outlines of the goals and procedures of any given society, any one of these types can be just or, may degenerate into tyranny, in the absence of such an agreement. Democracy then, which literally means the rule of the people (the many), depends on such a consensus. It also means that the political game be played according to certain rules including the right to know the truth about public matters as well as the acceptance and not simply the acquiescence or the frustrated quietism of the majority. It also means the protection of the rights of the minorities, those of religious or ethnic roots or those minorities of different or contrary opinion. According to the Jordanian intellectual, Mr. Iyad Qattan, it also means that the leader or the Government rules and is held accountable to the people.

It is the job of the intellectuals then to bridge the gap between the people on the one hand and the decision-maker on the other; otherwise, confusion reigns as it does now. To accomplish his task, the intellectual needs space, a free atmosphere even encouragement for he too, in our present stage of development, is hesitant and confused by the plethora of ideological and intellectual choices and possibilities. It is thus that the present dilemma developed. One side, the Authority, emphasises stability over all else while the other side, the Intellectual, needs not only stability but a free atmosphere in which to think, to produce, to innovate, and to ask the right questions and seek the proper answers.

The crisis of Arab political life now, the crisis of democracy, however and whatever shape or form this latter may take, needs new ideas, new diagnoses and approaches, new thought. We are not so much interested in the formal set up; the candidacy, the election, the parliamentarian, presidential or other forms that democracy may take; as we are interested in the spirit, the essence of consultation, participation, governance and accountability. Surely no one can deny that some development has taken place in the Arab World of today. But it remains an uneven development in terms of geography and content. Some socio-economic development, albeit uneven regionally or within the same city, has taken place; politically, however, the reverse has occurred. And this at the very historical moment at which it is most needed. The socio-economic development too occurred not as a result of genuine planning and forethought but rather as the result of trial

The majority of the decisions taken in most countries of the Arab World remain basically in reaction to events, outside stimuli. Most are extemporaneous managing the symptoms not attacking the disease, postponing some painful though admittedly necessary decisions and seeking simplified easy answers to very complicated problems. Hesitant and confused as well as emotionally and psychologically insecure, we seem to wish to escape our reality either by grasping for an idealised past, by blaming others or by

## By Kamel S. Abu Jaber Part three

reaction mostly devoid of forethought. Is it true what some of our leaders and intellectuals say, that the circumstances forced themselves upon us? If so, where shall we begin and what is to be done?

This is the age of uncertainty even in the more developed societies of the world. So we are not unique in being uncertain though we are unique in our inability to do anything about it. All thought that is worthy of being called thought came as the result of a crisis. Socrates and other Greek theoreticians of his time, as well as Confucius, St. Augustin, Al Farabi, Al Ghazali, Ibn Khaldun, Rousseau and scores of others wrote because they felt the crisis of their times. Every age it seems gives birth to new, or perhaps old,

crises, in new forms. In that we are not different. History is a harsh judge and it will judge, and though Bokassa, the former self-styled emperor of the Central African Republic was finally acquitted of the charge of cannibalism (June, 87), the physical eating of some of his people, will he ever be absolved of the crime of mental and intellectual cannibalism? Surely, however, he will be but a dark shadowy footnote in the annals of his unfortunate country.

As for us in the Arab world, we remain seeking an answer with hopefully an ever expanding circle of tolerance, moderation and mercy from our authorities and peoples. We cannot, must not, remain as we are now where inside each people in each country there are many peoples speaking many tongues, and fragmented and scattered in many directions. We must abandon the proverbial linear notion that, "He who is not totally with me is totally against

## A benign occupation?

The following article is part one in a two-part series published by the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding to mark 20 years of Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Part two appears in tomorrow's issue of the Jordan Times.

Bank and Gaza Strip. It is often portrayed as a "liberal" occupation and there is much talk of 'improving the quality of life" of the occupied population.

On the other hand, there is a generation of Palestinians who have come of age never knowing anything other than occupation. They are no longer afraid of the military and the settlers; they want an end to Israeli occupation whatever the cost. For the past vear there have been almost daily reports of demonstrations and protests against the occupa-

So, for those Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza what has twenty years of "benign occupation" by Israel amounted

#### Land and water confiscated

Since the occupation began in 1967, 52 per cent of the West Bank and 40 per cent of the Gaza Strip have been confiscated by the Israeli authorities.

The net result of this is that in the West Bank 52,000 Israeli settlers in 110 settlements enjoy exclusive access to 52 per cent of the land. The remaining 48 per cent has to support 800,000 Palestinians living in 400 villages and towns.

The means by which land is expropriated are manifold, but Benvenisti makes the following point on the reasons for expropriation:

"Israeli-controlled lands are essentially lands seized from Palestinians and designed to serve Israeli national, communal and individual interests. Once taken they irrevocably become Israeli national patrimony, regardless of the precise legalistic method by which they were ac-

quired." One result of this land expropriation has been the polarisation of the Palestinian labour force in the occupied territories. Thirty per cent of West Bank workers and nearly 50 per cent of Gazan workers are employed in the Israeli economy. This amounts to a total of 90,000 Palestinians who daily cross the Green Line in search of employment (Palestinians from the occupied territories are not allowed to spend the night inside the Green Line).

48.3 per cent work in construction; 19.5 per cent in services, as cleaners, gardeners and dis-hwashers; 18 per cent are in industry and 14.2 per cent in agriculture.

On average, Palestinian workers earn about half that of their Israeli counterparts. Twenty per cent of a Palestinian's wage is deducted as National Insurance but, unlike his Israeli counterpart, it goes straight to the Treasury "and in effect constitutes an

FOR the last 20 years Israeli 'occupation tax'," according to troops have occupied the West Benvenisti.

When it comes to water resources the position is no better. Palestinian water consumption in the West Bank is fixed at 115 million cubic metres per year. Out of that 100 million cubic metres are used for irrigation, leaving just 15 million for domestic use and industry.

Official Israeli development plans which project water consumption patterns up to the year 2010 do not allow for any increase in this figure. In comparison, by 1990, water available for Israeli agriculture in the West Bank will reach 60 million cubic metres. This means that 30 Israeli agricultural settlements will have exclusive use of 60 million cubic metres of water a year - only one-third less than that available for 400 Palestinian villages.

West Bank water is regarded as essential to Israel's domestic annual report states: needs; about 25 per cent of its water is taken from the West given to Mekorot — the Israeli national water company.

#### Political repression

In addition to the appropriation of the basic resources of land and water, Palestinians in the occupied territories face an array of repressive measures, only a few of which are mentioned here.

It is estimated that during the 20 years of occupation half a million Palestinians have been arrested or detained for "security reasons".

At the moment there are about ,500 political detainees. Of these 3.500 have been tried and sentenced and 1,000 are in detention for interrogation, awaiting trial or administratively detained.

The Israeli military authorities have maintained their control over the occupied territories by means of a complex network of repressive measures - many of them culled from the British

#### Administrative detention and town arrest

This is a "preventive" measure rather than a punitive one and it allows for detention without charge or trial for three or six months at a time.

Administrative detention was used widely during the early years of the occupation; for example, in 1970 there were 1,131 administrative detainees. However, international pressure meant that it was used less frequently in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Administrative detention was reintroduced in August 1985 under the Iron Fist policy and between August 1985 and December 1986, 261 people were administratively detained. Amnesty International estimates that there are currently 70 administrative detainees.

An administrative detention order can be renewed ad infinitum; for example, Ali Awwad Al Jammal spent six years and nine months under administrative detention before his release in March 1982. Upon his release he was promptly placed under town

Town arrest confines the person to their home town or village during the day and their home by night. It can cost those affected their jobs. Access to medical treatment and the fulfilment of basic social obligations can become impossible.

As with administrative detention, the restricted person is not charged with any crime. In 1986 alone there were 67 Palestinians under town arrest.

#### Prison conditions

On Palestinian detainees. Amnesty International's 1986

"Amnesty International continued to receive reports that Bank. So important is this source security suspects were ill-treated of water that in 1982 control of during interrogation by the militthe West Bank water supply was ary and police in the West Bank and Gaza, including the routine use of hooding, enforced standing, beatings, sleep deprivation, a detainee at Ansar II camp Altogether, in the 20 years of ing, beatings, sleep deprivation, threats and insults."

a detainee at Ansar II camp suffered a heart attack as the

case of such ill-treatment is the murder, while in custody, of two Palestinians arrested after hijacking a bus. No charges were ever brought against those responsible in what became known as the Shin Bet affair.

The Israeli prison system has some 30 jails inside the Green Line and in the occupied territories. About 20,000 Palestinians are detained annually.

At the end of 1986 Ansar II, a detention centre housed in an old army camp in Gaza, was opened. It was used to detain hundreds of youth picked up in army sweeps during the unrest in Gaza following the shooting of two Bir Zeit students. The camp was quickly closed after protests about the inhumane treatment of its detainees — some as young as 13 vears old. However, in February of this year, Ansar II was reopened and currently holds ab-

out 350 Palestinian detainees. Ill-treatment of Palestinian prisoners is widespread. Two examples, both of which came to light in March 1987, illustrate the level of the problem. A young Palestinian woman from Gaza had a miscarriage as the result of interrogation carried out at the Compound

#### Probably the most notorious result of his interrogation. House demolition

Houses may be sealed or demolished for two main reasons: - As a collective punishment the house of a security suspect may be demolished or certain of its rooms sealed. This "punishment" is often carried out before the suspect has been tried in court. În 1986, 51 such demoli-

molition: "Demolition or sealing of the houses generally precedes legal proceedings against a suspect. It is carried out shortly after the residents of the house receive notification. There is not sufficient time to clear the bouse of possessions and the resident is not entitled to any compensa-

tions were carried out. Benvenisti

has this to say about house de-

Not only is there no compensation, it is now the practice of the Israeli authorities to send the owners a bill for the demolition of the property.

- Failure to produce an acceptable building permit or proof of land ownership can also result in house demolition. This process is used to facilitate the appropriation of land to Israel's settlements. In 1986 there were suffered a heart attack as the occupation, 1,436 Palestinian

properties have been demolished.

#### Deportation

During 20 years of occupation approximately 2,000 Palestinians have been deported from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Since the introduction of the Iron Fist policy in August 1985 the Israeli authorities have deported some 40 Palestinians from their homeland.

Probably the best known of these recent deportees is Akram Hanniyah, editor of the Jerusalem-based newspaper Ash Shaab, who was deported at the beginning of this year. He was followed by three students — Mohammad Shaker Dahlan from Khan Youris, Khalil Ibrahim Ashour of Nablus and Marwan Al Barghouthi of Ramallah.

Like those who went before them, none of these were charged with any offence or given any explanation for their deportations beyond that of security grounds". They have no access to any "evidence" against them, and have no effective legal recourse since there is no charge and no

Such procedures are explicitly condemned and outlawed in the International Declaration of Hu-

No one shall be subject to arbitrary arrest, detention or ex-

ile. (Article 9).

## 'They break our homes, but not our spirit'

#### By Mary Sedor

The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, Occupied West Bank — Minutes after Nehida Jaber wrapped her three sleeping grandchildren in a blanket and fled into the street, Israeli troops used dynamite to blast the top floor off her three-storey house in this occupied Arab town.

Before the smoke had cleared, soldiers sealed shut a second floor with strips of corrugated metal. Mrs. Jaber and her family were being punished for crimes allegedly carried out by her son, Nader, 28. He is accused of taking part in a 1983 Jerusalem bus attack in which six Israelis died. In 20 years of occupation, Israel's army has sealed or levelled more than 1,300 Arab houses in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as punishment against a family member accused of offences ranging from resistance attacks to belonging to the Palestine Libera-tion Organisation, human rights

groups say. The Israeli policy is opposed by the International Committee of the Red Cross, the United Nations, human rights groups and leftist Israelis. They denounce it as collective punishment, usually imposed without court review or due process.

In the last three years alone, 129 homes in the West Bank have been razed or sealed, displacing 1,028 people, according to figures

Man, a Ramallah-based human rights group founded by Palestinian lawyers.

The army refused to divulge figures to the Associated Press, saying they were not readily available. But military spokesmen defended the policy as a deterrent to "terrorism."

"The penalty is effective. A terrorist should know that his criminal acts will not only hurt him but are likely to cause great suffering to his family." army spokesman Lt.-Col. Raanan Gissin said in an interview. "We try to use it selectively."

But, counters Joost Hiltermann, "the measure punishes people who are not accused of any offence, much less guilty." Hiltermann is a Dutch field worker with Law in the Service of Man, an affiliate of the Genevabased International Commission of Jurists.

He asserts the practice is illegal and violates the 1949 Geneva convention about treatment of residents in occupied territories. The convention prohibits destruction of property as a punishment or deterrent, except "as rendered absolutely necessary by military operations."

Israel's supreme court has upheld the practice, arguing it is authorised by emergency regula-tions passed in 1945 by the British who then mandated Palestine. The regulations have served as a basis for a number of extraordinary measures, including censorship. Hiltermann of Eindhoven, The Netherlands, said in most cases, the penalty does not affect the suspect, who may be dead, jailed, or as in the case of Nader Jaber, living abroad.

Demolition orders are usually carried out late at night and there is seldom legal recourse. The supreme court has delayed the action in a few cases but has never overturned a demolition order despite about a dozen appeals, he said.

The policy has left families homeless. Because they are banned from rebuilding on the property, many have resorted to living in tents. In one case, a 25-member family from the village of Yatta near Hebron spent an entire winter in a cave, Hiltermann

When the army sealed and destroyed part of the Jaber house last month, the family watched as explosives spewed bricks and rubble into their neatly manicured garden.

The blast blew up the water tank, collapsed the staircase and left the gracious, high-ceilinged house pockmarked with holes. The top floor was where Nader's bedroom had been. It also left the Jabers, their two

sons, three grandchildren and two daughters-in-law squeezed into four rooms chock-full with furniture and belongings.

Mrs. Jaber, said she had not heard from Nader since last Octo-

ber. At the time, he was in the U.S. state of Tennessee, studying on an academic scholarship at Vanderbilt University. He was never charged.

"Nader was never arrested. He was never tried, never convicted. I don't know if he did anything. But even if he did — what did we have to do with it?" she asked. U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering issued a condemnation of house-razing last month. saying the practice contributed to

a "growing frustration" among Palestinians. Liberal Israelis also oppose the policy, arguing it is ineffective in reducing attacks and is damaging to Israel's internatinal reputation

and moral standing. "There have been so many houses demolished, and there is no reduction in terrorism." said Amiram Goldblum of the leftist Peace Now Movement. "In addition, anything immoral we do is harmful to the moral fibre of the country. This is clearly an immor-

Critics say the demolition poli-cy has radicalised Palestinians who until then were apolitical and has directly led to violent attacks. Families whose homes have been destroyed gain respect in the

community.
Surveying her ruined house and rubble-filled garden, Mrs. Jaber said: "Israel is trying to damage our morale. But even though they can break our house, they can't break our spirit."

## 'Tanker protection plan defies military reality'

#### By Charles Aldinger Reuter

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's decision to put U.S. flags on 11 Kuwaiti tankers and protect them with American warships in the Gulf flies in the face of military reality, according to private defence analysts.

Military experts told Reuters that unless the lumbering tankers themselves are armed with some defensive systems, such as metal chaff, to confuse attacking missiles, they are likely to be hit in any attack.

"Warships carry defences designed chiefly to evade attack or shoot down missiles aimed at analyst for the congressional re-

them, not civilian ships they are escorting," said retired Admiral Julian Lake, former head of the navy's electronic warfare com-"When it comes to the Gulf,

we are probably going to have to shoot down an airplane before it launches a missile at a merchant ship, unless that ship is protected by chaff or perhaps a counterelectronics system of its own."

Lake said chaff — clouds of metal shards flung from a warship to confuse missile homing devices was unlikely to draw a missile away from a civilian ship some distance away.

Ronald O'Rourke, chief naval

search service, said missiles such as the Standard missile aboard U.S. navy warships would have a hard enough time shooting down a sea-skimming missile aimed at them, let alone one heading for a cargo vessel in a convoy.

One retired senior navy officer,

who asked not to be identified, told Reuters that using the Standard missile to shoot down even a relatively slow sea-skimmer like the Exocet was a chancy proposition at best.

"We talk about it, but the probable success of blowing those missiles out of the air is lower than shooting down an airplane,'

existed aboard the smaller U.S. navy ships such as destroyers and frigates like the USS Stark, which the navy has in the Gulf.

The Stark failed to protect itself from two Exocet missiles fired by an Iraqi jet on May 17. Thirty-seven crew members were killed.

Civilian analysts, such as spokesman John Pike of the Fed-. eration of American Scientists in Washington, stressed that the ability — or lack of ability — of the Stark to protect itself and the ability of navy ships to protect civilian ships were two different

The Stark did not use its high-

and shoot down the incoming missiles because, the ship's captain said, his ship was not aware it was under attack until a lookout spotted one missile in the final

The Phalanx (Gatling gun) is very effective for close in warfare," said Pike.

"But you also have to consider that if you are in fairly close quarters in a convoy, then you have to worry about hitting each. other, or hitting your own heli-copters with that thing if it is on full automatic."

One Pentagon official, who asked not to be identified, conceded that the SLO-32 radar on

navy ships is equipped only to track incoming missiles — not to jam them as it is aboard more sophisticated aegis class cruisers-

The United States has no aegis cruiser in the Gulf and Pentagon officials have said it is unlikely that an aegis would be among the three extra ships which it plans to add to seven already in the area.

You must remember that an Exocer's radar links on and off as it approaches a target ship. It is very, very difficult for ship radar to detect the launch of an Exocet and to keep track of its approach unless the defensive radar is kept very closely calibrated." O'Neill

O'Rourke said major problems speed 20mm Gatling guns to try the Stark and most such smaller said 



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(Stephen Collins), the son of Alice Grenville (Claudette Col-

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The Conquest is a history of space achievements from science fiction to the shuttle. From dreams and ideas spanning more than two centuries of human development came the scientific knowledge to begin the race into space, the evolution of space stations and shows how sattelites could improve the quality of life On earth.

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9:10 You Don't Have to Walk 10:20 The Unknown War

Wed. - June 24, 1987 8:30 Three's A Crowd Private Lessons

When E.Z. gets a date with Olivia Welles, a sorority girl he wants to impress. Jack teaches him how to act and suggests he bring her to Bistro. Once there, a nervous E.Z. is awkward, despite Jack's help.

9:10 Doc. — Apartheid Adapt or Die - the years 1977-

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## Tn Bangladesh, no equality for rich and poor even in death

By Anis Ahmed

DHAKA -- In Bangladesh even death does not bring equality to rich and poor. The wealthy buy a grave site in advance but for many of the poor a grave will not be their last resting place — they will soon be dug up to make room for more bodies.

The really poor in this Muslim nation where 80 per cent of the population live below the international poverty line are forced to display the dead body of a relative at the roadside to beg money for the burial. Islamic law forbids cremation.

So scarce is space in urban areas that municipal authorities have banned the buying of land for graves, but they admit the ruling is often flouted by the

For the rich, the pre-arranged grave is considered a status symbol while they are alive and a monument for posterity when they are dead.

A senior bureaucrat said: 'People having a posh house and driving the latest-model cars feel incomplete as men unless they choose their graves before

dying."

Other people say they are frightened they will be forgotten unless their graves are marked permanently.

In accordance with municipal laws, unmarked graves in urban areas are cleared of human remains a year after bodies are buried to make room for other

And the graves for unclaimed bodies collected from the mortuary are cleared after only three

Municipal officials said thousands of people apply every year to buy land in graveyards in Dhaka and other cities so no one can move them after death.

This is a craze that has made it almost impossible for the poor majority to find burial places, one official told Reuters. There are only four graveyards

for Dhaka's four-and-a-half million population, with 200 bodies buried on average each day. It is to keep space for the less fortunate that municipal authorities have banned the buying of

land and the building of structures to mark graves. "There is no more space for sale," the official said. "There would be no place for burial at all in a few years' time unless the

as graveyards. The ban is often flouted by people having links with influential government officials and politicians, he said. He declined

to give details.

The official said each "reserved" grave now sold at up to 50,000 taka (over \$1,600) compared with 15,000 taka (\$500) five

years ago. Things are different in the villages. Grave sites are not sold there, but rich people have their own grounds where no one from outside the family is allowed to be

Ordinary village folk are buried in common graveyards. For the very poor there is the indignity of having to beg for money to bury a relative.

Sharifa Begum lay her dead son by the roadside in a makeshift government designated new areas coffin recently and begged money from passers-by to prepare for his

She said her five-year-old son died of cholera before he could be taken to a doctor.

"I had no money nor did any-one offer to help," she said out-side her hut in a Dhaka slum. Begum said she needed at least 300 taka (\$10) for the funeral, equivalent to her six months'

salary as housemaid. Her family came to Dhaka seven years ago to find work. But she and four children virtually starved after her husband left to remarry last year, neighbours

Many abandoned women living in the slum near Dhaka railway station are in the same plight.

For those who cannot afford funeral fees the only hope is an Islamic charity called Anjuman-E-Mafidul Islam.

Anjuman buries bodies left un-

claimed after accidents and those from poor relatives - free of

charge. But Begum wished to pay for the burial herself. "As a mother, how can I give away my son?" she

replied to the suggestion that she throw herself on charity. Municipal authorities 52y alarming population growth and the influx of rural people into the cities have made the situation all

the more difficult. Nearly 105 million people are crammed into the 144,000 sq. km.

of Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest countries. Shrinking employment in the villages drives thousands of peo-

ple to the cities, mostly to begin a

more uncertain life. "More people means more death," Dhaka University teacher Shahadat Hossain said.

controversy over past and his problems with the Americans

would soon come to pass, "This is a passing incident, and it will

soon be forgotten." he said. "Our

role in world affairs is an impor-

tant one, and I am confident that

### Waldheim looking forward to Jordan visit for talks on bilateral ties

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the King's "enormous knowledge about not only the Middle East but also about many other subjects like the North-South dialogue, East-West relations and problems faced by developing countries.

The president described Austrian-Jordanian ties as "excellent and very encouraging" and said that during his talks with Jorda-nian leaders he would try to strengthen bilateral relations in the economic, cultural and other fields. There is still room for further cooperation, he said, for instance in education and training, and for Austria to participate in the Kingdom's development programme and that of the West Bank. "In this we can cooperate in a more productive way," he said, "and I have every intention to discuss this with His Majesty and the Jordanian government in order to reach concrete results." Dr. Waldheim last visited Jordan in 1979 while he was U.N. secretary-general.

Asked whether he believed he could still play a useful role in international affairs and particularly the Middle East in view of his problems with the U.S. and Israel over accusations related to his past as an officer in the German armed forces (Wehrmarcht) during World War II, Dr. Waldheim said: "Yes, by all means. I have not the slightest doubt about this. The administrative step taken by the U.S. (putting him on the watch list and thus barring him entry to the U.S. as a private citizen) has to be seen in the light of the (American) domestic situation. The government of Austria has rejected the n and a solution to reject it formally and categorically and has asked for its reversal." As far as the Middle East is concerned, Dr. Waldheim said, "one should never overestimate one's possibility to contribute to a solution to a delicate, very grave problem."

"In my ten years at the U.N., I learned not to overestimate the chance one has, because you always need the cooperation of the parties concerned in order to succeed in any effort. So one has to be careful. But one should never give up hope for a settlement. It's in the light of this that l feel there is a chance now that we should continue our efforts towards holding an international peace conference.

"Working towards holding the crime syndicate who try to break with the organisation. proposed conference is a realistic approach," Dr. Waldheim con-tinued. "Not that I would say Fri. – June 26, 1987 such a conference will be a nego-8:30 Bill Cosby Show tiating body. It should have a sort 9:10 Falcon Crest of an umbrella function under 10:20 Shaka Zuin which negotiations could take

place. We have to make a special effort to get us out of the present stalemate. It would be unwise to go on like this: The negotiation process has to be revived, and for this to be done the proposed conference has to be held. The outcome is of course uncertain. but it is important and urgent to

start a negotiation process.' The Austrian president advised against losing hope that an international conference might be held soon, especially when there is a strong possibility that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who opposes the idea of the parley, might stay in power until the term of the coalition government ends in late 1988. "Even though the government in Israel is not clear about the future course to follow, the fact that the foreign minister (Shimon Peres) supports the conference is nevertheless an encouraging sign that there is serious consideration for the idea in Israel," he said.

In the interview, Dr. Wal-dheim strongly defended himself against the accusations levelled by the World Jewish Congress (WJC) that he committed war crimes while an officer in the German army, and he also described the U.S. Justice Department's decision to put him on the "watch list" as a "violation of international law."

"None of the allegations against me is true," he said. They are fabrications, distortions, and, misrepresentations." As to the U.S. decision, "it is in violation of international law. All experts I have spoken to agree on this," he said. When Austrian Chancellor Franz Vronitzky visited the U.S. in May, Dr. Waldheim continued, the U.S. attor-Justice Department "had not the slightest evidence of any wrongdoing on my side," but that under a 1978 amendment to U.S. law, "they (the Americans) had to put my name on the list, because it is sufficient that one had served, or geographically was near to a German army unit which had committed war crimes."

"The fact that I had served in the German army does not mean that I took part or assisted in war crimes committed by the Nazis. I have a clear conscience. Let me repeat unequivocally that can be no proof of any culpable behaviour on my part," Dr. Wal-dheim said, adding that he had asked a group of military historians to look into his war records to determine whether he was guilty of any wrong-doing in the war. "Also, a 'white book' will be published in two weeks which will tell the whole story and analyse

it. I have nothing to hide." The Austrian president criticised U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz' position on the controversy, saying he "didn't know why Mr. Shultz had adopted a negative position," thus giving the issue political

overtones. Asked whether his positions on the Middle East while U.N. chief might have contributed to the controversy over his post, Dr. Waldheim said he would not exclude the possibility. "My position on the Middle East was very clear at the U.N. I was criticised for that position at the time, but I remain convinced that I was objective. It was not a biased policy that I adopted. My views had been in support of the U.N. Charter. This charter says many good things in the fields of human rights and respect for the sovereignty of states and the right of self-determination for nations. And this was exactly what was said. This is true for the Middle

East as much as for other areas. But because I said it in such an objective way, it didn't fit in the position of other countries, I couldn't, however, do it differently. On whether Austria itself,

being the neutral country it is. rather than his own person, might have been the target of the controversy surrounding him, Dr. Waldheim said: "There is talk about this possible aspect of the problem. People talk about this, and I really don't know. However, one thing is clear: The problem has more to do with me as a symbol than a personality. It has something to do with Austria's past. Maybe it has something to do with Austria not doing enough which is incidentally not true. The other question is that of compensation (for the Jews). Here Austria is accused of not having done the same thing as West Germans. For instance, the problem of property belonging to Jews in Austria. These have nothing to do with me, but of course the whole controversy might have not started if I had not run for president, or if somebody else, lesser known internationally than myself, had run for the presidency of Austria.

"Is this all happening to make Austria give up its neutrality?" Dr. Waldheim asked. "People are asking themselves these questions in coffee houses and in the streets. I really can't tell you what is behind the American decision against me.... Having been elected by the greatest majority any Australian president has ever had, nearly 54 per cent of the

popular vote, I am being fully backed by the government and parliament in my attitude. Where is democracy left? If you know democratic decisions, why do we then have to support the principles of democracy in some countries and not others. If some decide this is not important, we say to them, yes it is important."

"I am rather sad about the whole affair." Dr. Waldheim continued. "And I am sorry because the whole thing was unnecessary in the first place."

On Europe's position on the U.S. decision, the president said he was satisfied that Europeans generally had not adopted the U.S. position and that none of the European countries had supported the decision to ban him from the U.S. as a private citizen. Dr. Waldheim also voiced appreciation for Pope John Paul's invitation to him to visit the Vatican between June 25 and 27.

The Austrian president's visit to Jordan, which will begin on July 1 and last for four days, would have been his first official trip abroad, had he not accepted to go to Rome first. Describing the Pope's invita-

tion as a "very impressive gesture for the Austrian people by the Vatican," Dr. Waldheim warned against falling into the trap of propaganda by "unidentified quarters" that he is an "isolated" president. "My opponents say that I have been elected, but now I am isolated," he said. "This is not true, because I have a number of outstanding invitations from world countries, which I cannot possibly visit at once." He said the invitations had come from Arab Gulf states, Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Libya, Asia, Latin America and Europe. "To those who accuse me of being isolated, I say that I cannot rush from one country to another, while I've got important things to do at home. This business about invitations is the other aspect of negative propaganda put forward against me. But the interests of my people come first." In reply to a question on

accusations heard in Austria that his support for the Arab and Palestinian cause was not as 'principled" and "sincere" as that of Austria's former Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, Dr. Waldheim said: "I was always on good terms with Chancellor Kreisky. We worked together for many years at the Austrian Foreign Ministry. And when I was at the U.N., I followed a policy which came very close to his point of view. I supported the legiti-

people, and I've continued to do so. I've always been a friend of the Arab World, and therefore I am surprised at the accusation. I really don't see any comparison with Dr. Kreisky on this point." In concluding the interview, Dr. Waldheim struck a positive note. Looking relaxed and confi-

emirate, has denounced the

takeover as unconstitutional

while Abu Dhabi, the largest,

appears to have given it tacit

support, the diplomats said. Dubai and Sharjah have en-

joyed good relations since patch-

ing up a border dispute in 1985,

while differences emerged be-

tween Sharjah and Abu Dhabi

over the former's financial prob-

lems and political reforms in the

Sheikh Abdul Aziz was con-

sulting advisers Friday in the

heavily-guarded emiri court, sur-rounded by guns and soldiers of

the 2,400-strong emiri guard he

The airport remained closed

and roads leading to the ruler's

palace were blocked, but Sharjah

UAE, they said.

built up and headed.

Austria will resume playing this traditional role in the very near dent, he expressed hope that the future. UAE leaders seek to end crisis The UAE's Supreme Council, (Continued from page 1)

which groups the rulers of the federation's seven emirates, has been in constant session since Wednesday under UAE Presi-

Nahayan.

An official statement has expressed the council's determination to settle the crisis in "a family spirit."
The UAE is the current chair-

dent Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al

man of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council which groups it with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman. GCC rulers, led by King Find

have been assured by Sheikh Zayed that the Sharjah issue was of "local nature," according to official messages published Friday. The Saudi monarch expressed confidence in the "wisdom and

was calm on Friday as people farsightedness" of Sheikh Zayed stayed indoors to avoid the 40 "to bring about a reconciliation of the brothers in Sharjah and degree heat, attended mosques or flocked to beaches. Dubai. King Fahd urged decisive ac-Diplomatic sources said the UAE federal armed forces had tion to restore normality in Sharbeen placed on high alert, but jah to avoid complicating "these there was no sign of unusual activity at the Al Falah barracks difficult times... (when) ambi-

tious foreign currents seek the opposite the airport. collapse of regional security and Regional heads of state, includstability. King Fand warned against ing King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. have voiced concern over the aggravating the situation "to situation at a time when tension

avert the possibility of foreign gion." He did not elaborate.

#### Iran says 'suicide' force ready

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because of the Iran-Iraq war.

an attack by Iranian Revolutionary Guards on Tuesday night, wiping out most of the attacking force and their Kurdish rebel Iran's IRNA said Iranian

troops and Kurdish guerrillas launched an overnight attack north of Arbil. a city 120 kilometres inside Iraq's Kurdistan province, and captured several strategic heights. Mr. Mohsen said Iraqi troops

had repelled an attack by Iranian Revolutionary Guards and Kurdish rebels on Tuesday night.

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In a related development, the Baghdad-based Mujahedeen-e-Khalq organisation said its forces killed or wounded 300 Iranian troops in attacks on Tuesday on

The main Iranian group opposed to Tehran, in a message telexed to Reuters in Baghdad, said the operations were to mark its 20th anniversary.

Mujahedeen leader Massoud Rajavi Friday announced the formation of a National Liberation Army," to fight for the overthrow of the rule of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

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## Soviet commentator sceptical about possibility of Seoul hosting Olympics

U.S. IOC member sees no reason to change the games venue

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soviet television commentator suggested on Thursday that the 1988 Seoul Olympics could not take place if political unrest in South Korea continues.

The Soviet Union and its Communist allies have not announced whether they will send teams to the Summer Games, but the commentator's remarks indicated Moscow was leaning against participation.

Valery Korzin, political commentator for Soviet Television, read a report about violent student demonstrations in South Korea on the afternoon news programme "Today in the World."

He then reminded viewers that the 1988 Olympics are to be held in South Korea and added: "I think you comrades would also agree that because of reports like those we have been receiving from South Korea for a long time, almost every day, this (the Olympics) is impossible."

The report indicated the Soviets may again cite security problems as a reason for not attending the Olympics. The Soviet Union and most of its allies, claiming security threats, boycotted the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

The South Korean students are demanding direct elections, freedom of speech and assembly, and democratic rule. The current government is backed by the

Riot police routinely stand guard in city centres, nearly all political demonstrations are prohibited and freedom of speech and the press is restricted.

The South Korean government announced on April 13 that it was suspending talks on political re-form until after the Olympics. Political boycotts have marred

the Summer Olympics since 1976. The United States and many other Western nations stayed away from the 1980 Moscow games to protest the Soviet in-

tervention in Afghanistan. The Soviet commentator's remarks are in line with doubts expressed by the Soviet sports newspaper, Sovietsky Sport, about whether the Seoul games could be held in light of differ-ences between North Korea and

A Soviet foreign ministry spokesman declined on Thursday to say whether Moscow will send athletes to Seoul.

"As far as I know, there is a time limit after which no applications will be received to participate in the Olympic games," spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said at a news conference.

This time limit is not over. When we approach the time limit to solve the question of participation, our sportsmen will give their

In Seoul, the president of the U.S. Olympic Committee on Friday said the political turmoil in South Korea would not affect next year's Olympic games. "Nothing has occurred that

would jeopardise the (Seoul)

games," Rober Helmick told the

Associated Press in a telephone Helmick, U.S. representative to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) said the Korean political situation is serious but not dangerous enough to consider moving the Seoul games to

another city. The anti-government protests, which began June 10, have pro-

duced the country's worst political violence since President Chun Doo-Hwan took power in 1980. Helmick, on a trip to inspect Olympic facilities, said he hoped the situation would improve before the Seoul games.

"We are not concerned, but we will constantly monitor developments here," he said. Earlier this week, the IOC in

Lausanne, Switzerland, said war would be the only reason to move next year's games out of Seoul.
"The only provision in the Olympic charter for the committee to change sites is an act of war," IOC spokeswoman

Michele Verdier said. "We are preparing our team to come to Korea in 1988," Helmick

"Naturally, we are concerned about the political unrest in Korea, but we have been given every assurance that the Korean government can provide com-

plete security." Helmick said the U.S. Olympic Committee authorised him in April to officially enter the U.S. team this September, a year be-

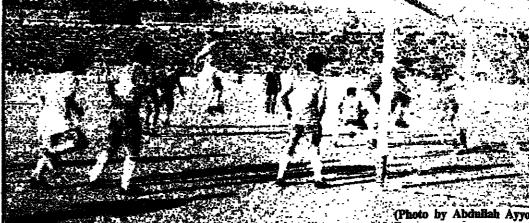
World War I and World War II. The 1968 Summer Olympics were held in Mexico City despite student rioting that resulted in about 50 deaths shortly before the games opened.

Violence could force U.S. out

In Indianapolis, executive director of the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) said the United States might pull out of the 1988 Olympics if civil strife in Seoul would put U.S. athletes at

"Neither the IOC (International Olympic Committee) nor the USOC or any country's Olympic committee is going to subject athletes to a situation of putting them at high risk," George Miller said Thursday at the U.S. Olympic Academy Conference. "Only time will tell us what the risk will

Protests against the govern-ment of South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan intensified Thursday as thousands of students overwhelmed riot police and seized a square at the city's The only times the Olympics centre. The protests continued have been called off were during Friday for the 10th day in a row.



TWO BROTHERS SECURE AL FAISA-LI'S TRIUMPH: Al Faisali defender Imad Musallam jumps with joy seeing his teammate Musa Awad (centre) scoring the second goal for Al Faisali in the 52nd minute in a playoff match on Friday against Adduftein which Al Faisali won

2-8. The first goal was scored in the 27th minute by Awad's brother striker Khaled, who is an international player. Al Faisali clinched the annual Federation Shield Championship title from Al Jazireh, last year's holder of the title. Addurtein took the second place.

## France in for a rugby union final showdown against New Zealand

- Current form points firmly to a New Zealand victory over France in the inaugural World Cup Rug-by Union final Saturday but recent history favours the French.

The all blacks have swept all before them in the 16-nation tournament and the overwhelming opinion here is that they will

Prost not

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DETRÖIT (R) --- World cham-

pion Alain Prost has said he did

not like the Detroit Grand Prix

and would not try very hard on

Sunday to break Jackie Stewart's

record for career victories in For-

track, especially in America,"

Prost told a news conference on

the eve of the first qualifying runs

for the sixth Detroit Grand Prix.

this record so I don't think I'm

going to try very hard here or in

the French Grand Prix," said the

32-year-old Frenchman, who

equalled Stewart's 27 victories

"I'll try to get as many points as

I can. If I break the record here in

Detroit, that's fantastic," he said.

Championship the last two years

and is currently on top of the standings with 18 points, said he

has been criticising the Detroit Circuit for five years.

He said the 2.5-mile (4.0km)

course, which runs along the banks of the Detroit river and

through the streets of the narrow

"The design of the track is not very interesting because you can-not overtake, "Prost said. "The

are much happier on a fast cir-

Stefan Johansson, who said he

city centre, is too slow.

The curly-haired Prost, who

world Drivers

last month in Belgium.

"I have plenty of time to beat

"I think we deserve a better

mula One motor racing.

win by a margin of between eight and 12 points. However, in each of the past

two seasons New Zealand have fallen at the final burdle. In 1985 they lost their chance of a 100 per cent record in Argentina when they drew 21-21 in the

Then last year the chance of an

France won the final test in Nantes 16-3.

A dramatic sideline conversion by full-back Paul Thorburn two minutes from time gave Wales a 22-21 victory over Australia on Thursday in the third and fourth

## Second Division Kickers takes on Hamburg in final today

BONN (R) — The formbook suggests Hamburg S.V. need do little more than turn up at the West Berlin Olympia Stadium on Saturday to collect the West German Soccer Cup, but Second Division Stuttgart Kickers have other ideas.

The Wekers, who finished only seventh in the Second Division this season, play in their first cup final against a team which won the European Cup in 1983 and were runners-up in the league this season to Bayern Munich.

But trainer Dieter Renner is not overawed. "We will aim to cancel out Hamburg's advantages in terms of skill by our own commitment. If we play at 120 per cent, we can do it," he said.

The omens do not look good, however. Only one Second Diviand that was 17 years ago when tight control and spectacular shot."

AMES, Iowa (AP) — The dust

has settled, the roar of the crowd

has faded into a pleasant memory

and life goes on much as before

for hurdler Danny Harris, the man who ended the streak in

"I think Andre will be ready,"

Kickers Offenbach upset Cologne

Stuttgart Kickers' goalkeeper Armin Jaeger may be having nightmares too of a repeat of last year's final when he played for neighbours Stuttgart against Bayern and ended up picking the ball out of the net five times in a

Hamburg's rejuvenated side are in superb form and did not even bother to save themselves for the final in the last league game of the season on

Already assured of second place, they threw caution to the wind as they robbed Kaiserslautern of a UEFA Cup place with a 4-0 away win.

Their Polish midfielder Miros sion team has ever won the cup lay Okonski, with his incredible

he said. "His coach has been

keeping him under wraps — like

a new car. I think he'll be tough.

Spain and I think he'll also be

tough. With that in mind, I know

I have to keep my head on

"I think Edwin is upset about

Harris stays low-key despite track success

goals, has been the revelation of

A side containing players of the quality of right back Manfred Kaltz, keeper Uli Stein and midfielder Thomas von Heesen is bound to strike fear into the hearts of opponents.

Victory would give Hamburg their their cup win — they took the trophy in 1963 and 1976 and be an apt leaving present for Austrian trainer Ernst Happel.

Happel returns to his native country to take over Tirol next season after six successful years with Hamburg in which he has won the league twice and the European Cup. But he has never won the West German Cup.

"Basically we can only beat ourselves," he said. "But if we do, the players deserve to be

Harris has continued to train at Towa state even though he skip-

ped his final year of college eligi-

bility this year so he could com-

pete on the Grand Prix Circuit in

about him is that he hasn't

changed since 1984," Lynn said.

"He's the same guy. He keeps things in perspective."

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Lynn called Harris "a

Ешгоре.

## U.S. pilot ends 42-hour 'friendship flight' to Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — A 61-yearold retired New York state educator flew a single-engine plane into Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport on Thursday on a "friendship flight" that began in the United States.

Pilot Millard Harmon touched down in his Beechcraft 36 41 hours and 31 minutes after leaving Washington.

Upon his arrival at 1:40 p.m. (0940 GMT), he was asked by Western reporters about the May 28 flight of West German Mathias Rust, who touched down on Red Square and was arrested.

"Frankly, teen-agers are im-

said. "He said the Soviet military had exercised restraint in not shooting Rust down.

Harmon took off from Washington's National Airport and was accompanied by navigator Stephen Honeybill, a 32-year-old Briton. A Soviet navigator joined the flight during a stopover in Helsinki, Finland, and directed the plane into Moscow's Sheremetyevo-II Airport.

He told airport reporters he made the flight as "friendship bridge" between the peoples of the superpowers.

"I think we need a few more friendship bridges between Mospetuous, young and really don't cow and Washington, and that's have a whole lot of sense," he why I flew here," he said.



A scene from Friday's kart racing (Photo by Abdullah

#### Jordanian drivers dominate go-kart race circuit

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Hani Bisharat won the individual rounds of the Kart Championship on Friday while the Royal Jordanian team won the team rounds.
The championship included

kart racers from Jordan and Dubai. Initially participants from

Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Oman, and Kuwait were supposed to take part in the race, but they did not

Nevertheless, the races kicked off early Friday at the Arabian Horse Club. Two teams with six members from Jordan and Dubai wizzed around the zig-zagged

The first two hours during the individual race, the karts ran four heats with each of them consisting of 15 laps. Hani Bisharat won all the heats. In the afternoon the team race started running four heats of 15 laps.

The Royal Jordanian team included Hani Bisharat, Ali Haman, Steve Jahhan, and the Arabian Horse Club team consisted of Bishara Kozar, Naser Bustami, and Raed Karazon.

Racers from Dubai included Chris Jordan, Dijon Kooyman, Paul Davis, Roger Pogsley, Guy P. and Kevin Moricey.

course is too bumpy. My car does not like a bumpy track," he said, adding that he and his McLaren

is much happier with McLaren than he was with Ferrari last year, agreed with his teammate. "It's not the course I particularly like. I prefer a faster cir-

The one dissenting voice came from Brazilian Ayrton Senna, who won here last year. Senna said that Detroit had

been good to him and that he believed the new active suspension on his Lotus gave him an advantage because the car performed extremely well on a bum-

Should Senna win on Sunday, he will take over first place in the standings if Prost finishes any worse than second.

"Last year was fantastic for me, I hope this year is just as good," he said.

## **SPORTS IN BRIEF**

#### England squad to play rest of the world

LONDON (AP) — A mixture of experience and potential was the formula chosen Thursday by national team manager Bobby Robson when he named a squad of English Footbal League players to face a rest of the world side on Aug. 8. The match, at Wembley Stadium, is the highlight of the league's centenary celebrations. Unlike the England National Team, the league selection includes Scottish, Irish and Welsh players, any of whom are available provided they play in the English League. Chelsea's 23-year-old Scottish defender Steve Clarke, capped twice as a substitute by his own national team, is one of the surprises chosen by Robson. Another is Coventry City's Cyrille Regis who won the last of his England caps five years ago.

#### Italian soccer star becomes M.P.

MILAN (R) - Former Italian soccer star Gianni Rivera has won a seat in parliament to represent the main Christian Democratic Party, results of elections last Sunday and Monday have showed. Rivera, 44, and known to his fans as "The Golden Boy", played for Italy in the 1966 World Cup in Britain and led Italy four times in 60 appearances, scoring 14 goals. He won three Italian League titles with A.C. Milan. "Every day of my career has been significant to me," Rivera told reporters. "This one will count among my finest goals."

#### Big bet on Becker to win Wimbledon

LONDON (R) - Boris Becker, hot favourite to win his third successive Wimbledon men's singles championship, has elicited some supreme confidence from a gambler, a bookmaking firm has announced. The man laid a bet of £120,000 (\$196,800) at odds of 6-5 on that the West German teenager would pull off a third title. He stands to win £100,000 (\$164,000).

#### Phillips worried about Olympic ideals

LONDON (R) — Former Olympic and European team equestrian gold medallist Capt. Mark Phillips fears television has spoiled the ideals of the Olympic Games. Captain Phillips, husband of Britain's Princess Royal, formerly Princess Anne, writes in Today's Horse and Hound Magazine that the admission of tennis players to the Seoul Olympics had made the world realise the Olympics were taking a new image. "Snooker could well be next," wrote Captain Phillips. "We already have synchronised swimning — so why not ballroom dancing and bowls as well?" Captain Phillips adds: "Could it be that American TV, which pays so many millions of dollars for the rights at the Olympics, wants the tennis players?" he asks. "I fear that the Olympics may become just another of those TV events that occur every year or two."

#### Jumper pro pulls out of Rome championships

MELBOURNE (R) — Australian long-jumper Gary Honey, silver medallist at the Los Angeles Olympics, will miss the World Championships in Rome next August after undergoing surgery on his feet. Honey said Friday that doctors would operate next Tuesday to correct osteo-arthritis in the big toes of both feet, caused by the heavy pounding associated with long jumping. "The conditio first became apparent after the Olympics in 1984 and it's worsened over the past six months," said Honey, gold medallist at the last two Commonwealth games. "The choice was simple. I either had an operation to get it fixed and concentrate on next year or I quit the sport — and I wasn't ready to do that. If all goes well I'll be back running within four weeks and then I'll start preparing for the Olympics in Seoul."

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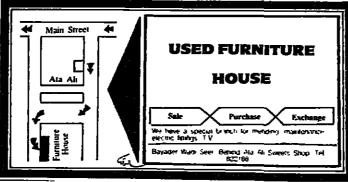
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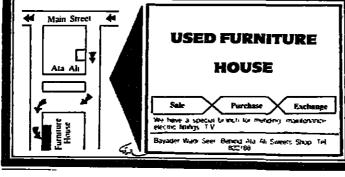
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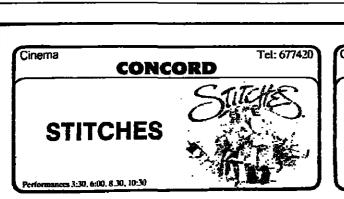




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## OECD forecasts show sluggish world economy

PARIS (R) — The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said Thursday the global economy was deteriorating and governments must act fast, and together, to revive the expansion on which jobs and living standards

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Horoscope

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This is certainly the

Saturday when your best mode of operation is to charm

those you'll be contacting. It's also time for shopping

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Go out and do whatever

will make your attitude more charming, but don't try

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get into the amusements that most appeal to you and enjoy them.

Be careful with your spending.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Study your home well

and do whatever will make it more attractive and

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You can

regize your own personal aims if you show more affec-

tion for those around you.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Contact influential people you know who can assist you in gaming a desired wish.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Go after your wishes in

a positive way. Take time out to buy those charming

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take time to improve

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Get an introduction

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) It's a day to do

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Gain the assistance

whatever your mate desires and have a most happy time

of an outsider in order to attain something that means

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be with close ties

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Plan for entertainment

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have much affection during the lifetime but should cut

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your status at home. Get into important public work.

"The economic situation has deteriorated in recent months. and ... slow growth high unemployment and large payments im-balances are likely to persist," the OECD said in a semi-annual report which formed one of its doomiest reviews of the world economy for some years.

The Paris-based economic "think tank" of 24 non-communist industrial nations called for mgent coordinated government action to restore business confidence, stabilise currencies and encourage investment.

It forecast the bloc's gross national product (GNP) would grow by only 2.25 per cent both this year and next—more slowly even than last year's sluggish 2.5

per cent:

"... Many of the conditions for faster growth remain favour-able," the OECD said. It cited low inflation, healthy corporate finance and generally lower in-

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But the dollar's weakness risked higher inflation and rising interest rates in the United

Other threatening factors were the Third World debt crisis and trade imbalances - with the United States running a huge deficit against big surpluses in Japan and West Germany.

The U.S. current account deficit was forecast to rise to \$147 billion this year from \$140.6 billion in 1986. Japan's surplus was seen up at \$95 billion from \$86 billion. The West German surplus would stay around \$37 bil-

The OECD report followed by one day a speech to Asian leaders in Singapore by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, who bleakly outlined the dangers ahead. Mr. Shultz said:

"It is not arithmetically possible for every country in the world to be a net exporter at the same

time. The U.S. deficit, which we

place into which everyone's export-led strategy for growth has

gone."
"The huge surpluses of Japan and Germany have fed on this deficit, so something will have to give and it will be possibly a traumatic experience." he added.

The United States has been urging Japan and West Germany to stimulate domestic demand in their economies, so they buy more U.S. and other nation's goods to help restore balanced

It has also pledged to reduce the huge budget deficit which it is also running and which - with Americans' fondness for spending and reluctance to save - is seen by many economists as a prime cause of the flood of imports to the United States.

Earlier, it had "talked down" the exchange rate of the dollar, to make its imports cost more and its exports cheaper, in a bid to correct the trade deficit another

The OECD said Thursday that private business confidence had been undermined by uncertainties over exchange rates and that "for confidence to be restored, it is important for governments swiftly to implement internationally agreed commitments."

It apparently meant February's "Louvre accord" in which the United States finally agreed to help stabilise the dollar, and pledged to cut its budget deficit, in return for promises by West Germany and Japan to boost their domestic demand.

The OECD criticised apparent disagreements on implementing the accord. More active fiscal policies in the United States, Japan and West Germany were needed to curb demand in the United States and boost it in the other two countries.

The OECD predicted a U.S. budget deficit at \$190 billion this year, down from last year's record \$220 billion but above a Reagan administration February estimate of \$175 billion.

The inflation outlook, while broadly satisfactory, had worsened in recent months, with OECD consumer prices forecast to rise 3.5 per cent this year and 3.75 per cent in 1988 after a 2.8 per cent increase in 1986.

It also said that, with U.S. inflation moving up towards 4.5 per cent, any further acceleration there could force monetary authorities to take action which could push interest rates up.

There was no prospect for significant improvement in unemployment in the next 18 months, with the average OECD rate expected to stabilise at 8.25 per cent, similar to last year.

"Unemployment rates may continue to fall in North America and the United Kingdom but are likely to rise in many other countries," the OECD said. The OECD called a trend to

bilateral trade disputes "particularly disturbing" and called for efforts to liberalise agricultural markets through switching farm subsidies away from price guarantees towards direct income support for farmers.

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comfortably exceeding three per cent," Mr. David Henderson, head of the OECD's economics and statistics department, told reporters in a comment on the sluggish 2.25 per cent OECD forecast for economic expansion.

Mr. Henderson also said that a package worth \$42 billion recently proposed by the Tokyo government, to cut taxes and boost state spending, would make a signifi-cant contribution to the process of stimulating the Japanese eco-

But it was too early to estimate its precise impact.

There is no doubt that the measures will help strengthen domestic demand to a significant extent, quite possibly exceeding one per cent of GNP when the full effects have worked through, and thus will provide some stimu-

hus to imports," he said. The report gave forecasts for each country as follows:

#### OECD calls for action on U.S. budget deficit

The United States needs to act fast to cut its budget deficit, possibly by raising taxes, reducing non-defence spending and curbing the rise in its defence outlay, the OECD said.

It said that the failure by the Reagan administration and Congress to agree quickly on steps to narrow the deficit "could seriously affect confidence, both in the United States and elsewhere."

It predicted that in the 1987 U.S. fiscal year, to Sept. 30, the deficit would overshoot both the balanced budget act's target of \$144 billion and official U.S. estimates in February of \$175 billion.

The OECD projection, which is based on assumptions of slower growth, higher interest rates and actual data for the first half of the financial year, is for a delicit of about \$190 billion," it said.

This would be \$30 billion lower than last year, but much of that improvement would be due to increases in corporate tax being introduced before cuts in income tax took effect. The U.S. economic growth rate

was expected to edge up to 2.75 per cent next year from 2.5 per cent this year and last, but domestic demand is forecast to grow relatively slowly.

"In contrast to the last two years, net exports should exert a positive influence on GNP growth, adding perhaps 0.75 per cent in both 1987 and 1988," it said, with export competitiveness boosted by the recent fall in the

Unemployment should continue to fall slowly to around 6.5 years. per cent in 1988 from 6.75 per cent this year, as the service sector continues to create jobs.

But inflation appears to be heading higher, partly due to the lower dollar, with consumer prices seen rising four per cent this year and 4.5 per cent next, after 2.1 per cent in 1986.

"Monetary and fiscal policy appear to be the key factors behind the avoidance of recession," the report said. "If inflation should accelerate beyond rates indicated in the forecast, "We would like to see the .monetary restraint could be cal-

payments deficit is expected to be stili around a high \$125 billion next year, after hitting a pro-jected record \$147.25 billion this

year, it said. In Canada economic growth is expected to pick up slightly to around 2.75 per cent in 1988 from 2.5 per cent this year, but will still be below levels seen in recent

Inflation is expected to slow to 3.5 per cent next year from 3.75 per cent this year, while unemployment should edge down to nine per cent in 1988 from 9.25 per cent this year.

"With some reversal in 1987 of recent years' deterioration in the terms of trade, the current account deficit is projected to shrink to around \$4 billion this year and to remain at about that level in 1988," it concluded.

#### Japan's trade surplus will continue to grow

The OECD said that Japan's controversial trade surplus is likely to continue to grow in 1987. Japan's exports would keep rising but demand for goods within Japan would stay sluggish, the OECD predicted.

The OECD outlook did not take account of a Japanese package of tax cuts and public spending worth \$42 billion intended to stimulate domestic demand and increase imports.

OECD officials said its outlook would be "significantly affected" but could not say by how much because the Japanese government had said little about implementation of its measures.

The OECD said Japan did manage to reduce its surplus last year, when domestic demand grew by four per cent while export markets rose by only two per

But "this differential between the growth of domestic and foreign demand would reverse in 1987 and 1988, thus weakening the international adjustment process," it noted. The OECD saw domestic ex-

pansion slowing to little over two per cent, with a rise in exports of 3.3 per cent in 1987 and 3.6 per cent in 1988. So the current account surplus

in 1987 would rise to \$95 billion from \$86 billion in 1986, although in 1988 it should fall back to \$87 The OECD said GNP was like-

ly to grow by an annual two per

cent in 1987 and 1988. This is slightly below 1986's 2.5 per cent growth, which the OECD said was Japan's lowest rate in 12 But it said Japan would continue its good performance on inflation, with a zero figure ex-

pected in 1987, compared with a 0.6 per cent rise in consumer prices last year. For 1988, it said the increase would be about 1.75 per cent. Unemployment would stay

low, at a steady three per cent over the next two years, compared with 2.8 per cent last year. The outlook said most of the

increase in demand for Japanese goods in the next two years would come from non-OECD countries. But it also said Japan would have lost 13.8 per cent of market share between 1985 and 1988, if current exchange rates remain steady, compared with a loss of 10.6 per cent for West Germany and a gain of 17.8 per cent for the United States.

#### West German growth may slow to 1.5 per cent

As for West Germany, the OECD predicted that economic expansion in West Germany would slow to 1.5 per cent this year from 2.4 per cent in 1986. The OECD joined a growing list of specialist forecasters who

take a pessimistic view of prospects for expansion in West Germany - which the United States wants to act as "locomotive" of world growth.

The West German government

forecasts growth of rate of under two per cent for its economy, a forecast revised down last month from an earlier one of 2.5 per

The gloomier OECD outlook is in line with recent forecasts by independent West German economic institutes of growth ranging from 1.5 to two per cent, and more optimistic than recent predictions by some banks of only one per cent growth.

The OECD said the economy should pick up next year, with GNP up by two per cent in real terms.

It said that its projection assumed that the German economy was passing through a period of temporary weakness and that there would be some recovery in business confidence

"Lower interest rates, improved profitability and somewhat better export market prospects may support a pick-up in business gross fixed investment in the second half of 1987," it said. But it warned that the key to an

improvement in the economy was higher domestic demand, which is only forecast to rise by 2.5 per cent this year and 2.75 per cent in 1988, well below the 1986 rate of 3.7 per cent. 'Fiscal prudence over recent

years in Germany has created scope for a larger budgetary contribution to domestic demand," it

While noting that the government is bringing forward a five billion mark (\$2.8 billion) tax reform to January, 1988, the OECD said that "the medium to longer-term performance of the West German economy could be improved by reduction of subsidies - which would allow relatively lower tax rates."

Since the OECD report was compiled, the West German Federation Statistics Office has released figures showing that the GNP actually fell 0.5 per cent in real terms in the first quarter of this year compared with the final three months of 1986. Government officials blamed

the contraction on a severe winter and weak exports, but added that a clear upswing could be expected in the second half. But diplomatic sources in Paris

said that West Germany appeared likely to finish the year with the lowest growth rate of any of the Group of Seven leading

Since France is expecting growth of barely 1.5 per cent, and the OECD is forecasting only 1.25 per cent growth for France, this could imply final West Ger-man GNP growth this year of

little more than one per cent. Against the background of sluggish growth, unemployment is forecast to edge up to 8.25 per cent next year from eight per cent this year.

Consumer prices, which actually fell slightly last year, are expected to increase by 0.75 per cent this year and 1.5 per cent in 1988, but the general outlook is expected to remain favourable and wages are unlikely to rise as fast as prices.

West Germany's current account surplus, the target of considerable criticism by the Reagan administration, is expected to rise slightly to \$37 billion this year from \$35.8 billion in 1986, before declining to \$29 billion dollars, or 2.5 per cent of GNP. in 1988.

#### Southern Europe shows strong domestic demand growth

Regarding southern Europe, the OECD said that strong growth in domestic demand featured in southern European economies in 1986, but was expected to slow this year and next. The OECD said Turkey's eco-

nomy grew much faster than expected in 1986 and domestic demand surged 10.5 per cent, but this growth was expected to be halved to five per cent next year. Real GNP growth in Turkey

was likely to exceed the national target of five per cent in 1987, given the strong carry-over from 1986 when it grew by eight per cent, the OECD said. But it said that, although pri-

vate consumption and investment could remain buoyant this year and next, employment growth might slow and further cuts in the rate of inflation — the highest in the OECD area at 30 per cent this year — could prove more difficult. Inflation, lowered consistently over the past few years, was projected at 27 per cent next vear.

The Greek economy was strongly affected by a government stabilisation programme introduced in October 1985, the OECD said.

The programme's pay restrictions meant real wages fell by eight per cent in 1986. This squeeze on real household incomes. coupled with a 20 per cent drop in public sector investment. depressed domestic demand, which was forecast to decline by 1.75 per cent this year before rising by 0.5 per cent in 1988. Greek inflation was expected

to fall following an increase early this year linked with the introduction of value added tax and a surge in food prices due to cold weather. It would probably be down to around 14 per cent by the end of 1987 from 22.3 per cent last year, falling to 11 per cent by end-1988. But GDP was seen declining in

1987, largely due to an expected big drop in farm output as a result of bad weather. It would start to year, it said.

grow again next year and this would curb the rise in unemploy-ment. Standing around 8.75 per cent this year, the unemployment rate is expected to be at 9.5 per cent in 1988.

In Spain, buoyant domestic demand had been the driving force behind rapid growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the OECD said. Both fixed investment and private consumption were expected to ease during 1988 but would still remain

The report forecast that Spanish imports would rise sharply next year, reflecting strong de-

But it said a marked rise in exports would support Spanish GDP growth at around three per cent over 1987 and 1988. Employment could again grow significantly but the unemployment rate was unlikely to fall below 20 per cent by end 1988.

In Portugal, the report said total domestic demand growth would fall from 7.6 per cent last year to five per cent in 1987 and 3.75 per cent in 1988 as slower wage growth restrained private

It said Portuguese GDP growth would fall to 2.75 per cent in 1988 from 3.5 per cent this year, in line with the trend in domestic demand. This would allow the unemployment rate at best to stabilise at around 8.5 per cent.

"Rising import prices are expected to hinder progress in reducing inflation, and consumer prices could be still increasing by eight per cent in 1988," it added. Inflation likely to rise in

#### Britain The OECD cautioned that Bri-

tons must expect an increase in inflation in the next 18 months, with rapid wage rises chiefly to Slower British economic

growth, as higher prices hit consumer spending, and a widening trade gap are also predicted by the OECD. But its semi-annual report on the world economy did see the

rise in the number without jobs apparently being reversed. Unemployment is forecast at 11 per cent in the second half of 1987, from 11.7 per cent in the

same 1986 period, dipping to 10.75 per cent by end-1988. On inflation, it saw consumer prices rising 4.25 per cent in the second part of this year and 4.5

per cent in 1988. The average last year was 3.7 per cent. The rise in inflation so far mainly reflected higher import

prices. More stable exchange rates were likely to be helpful. "Substantially more rapid wage increases than in other countries, however, are likely to remain a

fundamental problem." the hies Man The rise in wage packets was also likely to hit Britain's com-

petitive position after a marked improvement in 1986. Export growth is projected to slow and the trade balance de-

teriorate sharply to a \$6 billion deficit in 1988 from a forecast deficit of \$2.5 billion deficit this

#### down on emotionalism if the creative ideas are to be ex-**Peanuts** pressed wisely. The field of art is best for your progeny, but a business course would be most belpful to this overly generous child.



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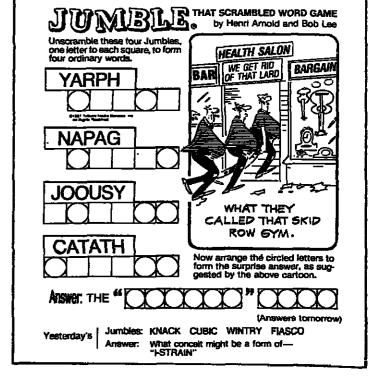
#### **Andy Capp**







ute. I picked up a bag of Husband Chow at the pet store."



## Gandhi party routed in Haryana ILO urges sanctions

NEW DELHI (R) — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi faced a question mark over his political future as the full extent of his Congress (I) Party's election disaster in the northern state of Haryana emerged

It was one of the most sweeping defeats Congress has suffered in a state election in its 101-year history, and the extent of the carnage caught observers by sur-

"Party leaders were greatly shocked... they had not expected the party to fare so badly." de-clared the New Delhi daily Hindustan Times.

With 84 results declared Mr. Gandhi's party had won only four of the 90 seats in the Haryana assembly - plunging from a commanding 61 seats in the previous

The victorious alliance of the rural Lok Dai (People's Party) and the Hindu-Revivalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP — Indian People's Party) swept all before

All the casualties were black

Twenty of the injured were

seriously hurt in the accident,

which occurred between Pretoria

and Rustenburg, about 100 kilometres north of Johannes-

passengers on the bus, which was

hurled off the crossing by the

force of the impact.

The alliance, which held 23 seats in the previous house, had won 72. Communists and independents held the remaining eight seats.

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) called the result a slaughter. "The Congress defeat was expected but its debacle and utter rout was unexpected," it

To add to Congress's humiliation, Haryana Chief Minister Bansi Lal and 15 of his 16 ministers lost their seats.

Lai had been drafted to the post by Mr. Gandhi last year and entered the assembly with a byelection majority of \$0,000 votes. This time he lost by more than 2.000 as the anti-Congress wave

swept the state.
The verdict of Haryana's 8.7

triumph for Devi Lal, a dour,

and leader of the Lok Dal as it ance of the poll as his first popuwas a disaster for Mr. Gandhi. larity test in the Hindi-speaking Lal campaigned hard against belt of north India considered the Congress for more than two bastion of the Congress Party. years, barnstorming round the farming state and hitting hard at Mr. Gandhi on local and national

by 26,000 votes, Lal collap- 1989. sed exhausted and was taken to hospital declaring the win historic and of far-reaching importance

for India. Mr. Gandhi, his performance under close scrutiny because of his increasingly lacklustre performance as prime minister and Congress leader, made no immediate comment on the result.

His image as the "Mr. Clean" of Indian politics already tarnished by scandals and pay-off allegations in Delhi, the 42-yearold prime minister also appears

MANILA, Philippines (Agencies) — President Corazon

Aquino will appoint 25 members

to the Philippine House of Repre-

sentatives, according to an execu-tive order published Friday.

The order, signed by Mrs.

Aquino on Thursday, asks

labour, peasant, women, youth,

urban poor and other groups to

submit their nominations by July

20, one week before the congress

The order specifies that the

appointed legislators should

come also from groups representing war veterans, the elderly and

physically handicapped, and trib-

It did not say when Mrs. Aquino, already assured of large majorities in the senate and the

lower house, will announce the

The appointments will increase

membership in the lower house to

225. A total of 200 representa-

tives were elected by district in

the May 11 elections. It will not

affect the 24-member senate,

whose members were elected

The Commission of Elections

continued tabulating ballots Fri-

day in a slow vote count that has

final three senate members.

Commission officials said Thurs-

day they expect to finish counting

al communities.

nationwide.

He ran an uninspired campaign 73-year-old former chief minister in Haryana despite the import-

The result was Congress' sixth defeat in seven state elections under Mr. Gandhi in the past two years and raised new doubts ab-On Thursday night, as victory out his ability to rally the party to emerged and he won his own seat victory in general elections due in victory in general elections due in

> "It was shocking... we will now have to take stock of the party's future," said a Congress politician who asked not to be identi-

In March Congress lost Kerala state, its last foothold in south India and party leaders had been worried about the prospect of an erosion of support in the party's

northern stronghold.

"The leadership should know that if the people of Haryana are disenchanted with the party, peo-ple in other states can also be," the now to have damaged his image Hindustan Times said.

Communist killers used children

as shields to escape pursuing sol-

diers after shooting two people, among eight to die in a wave of

He said two policemen, a civi-lian and five rebels were killed in

four separate clashes throughout

shot dead a policeman and a

government employee in a village

near Pagadian City in the south-

The state-owned Philippines

News Agency (PNA), quoting a military spokesman, said the two

men were taking shelter from

heavy rain in a store when they

Patrolling soldiers chased the

gunmen who grabbed two chil-dren and used them as shields in

their escape. The children were released unharmed.

A policewoman shot dead a

suspected Communist "sparrow"

hitman in central Manila early

Friday. The policewoman was

walking to work when she real-

ised she was being followed by

She drew her gun and con-fronted the men who shot at her

twice and missed. The police-

gunmen dead. The other two

The hit squads, called Spar-

ern Philippines Thursday.

The two Communist gunmen

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## against South Africa

GENEVA (R) — The International Labour Organisation too voted against the report, (ILO), overriding Western gov-ernment reservations, voted Friday for mandatory economic-sanctions against South Africa that would stop trade, loans, investment and dealings with Pretoria on the world gold market.

A report condemning South Africa's apartheid policies was adopted by 331 votes to eight with 26 abstentions at the ILO's annual conference.

It called on all governments to sever political, military, cultural, sporting and diplomatic relations with Pretoria.

The document urged trade un-ions around the world to organise consumer boycotts of South African goods, and to expel union members who emigrated to take jobs in that country.

It denounced Pretoria's recent extension of the state of emergency in the country for a further year, which it said violated civil and trade union rights.

saying its recommendations would not advance prospects for a democratic multi-racial system in South Africa, Mandatory sanctions would not work, and would harm South African workers and the economies of neighbouring black African states, it said.

Britain also voted against, and Belgium, with some other European Community members, abstained, saying the call for mandatory sanctions exceeded the competence of the 150-member ILO, whose aims are to promote social justice and improve work-

ers' conditions around the world. Most worker delegations voted in favour, together with Third World and Soviet Bloc and other Communist states. Each country sends three separate delegations to the conference, composed of representatives of governments. employers' associations and trade unions, and these act and vote independently of each other.

## Hanoi names new leaders

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) -Vietnam named a new prime minister and a new president to replace the last of the legendary leaders who helped found the Indochinese Communist Party and guided Vietnam to victory in wars with Japan, France and the United States.

Pham Hung succeeds Pham Van Dong, 79, who served as prime minister since 1955. Vo Chi Cong was appointed to the large-ly ceremonial post of president in place of Truong Chinh, 80, held the office since 1981 and was a

Hung and Cong, both veteran revolutionaries in their mid-70s, were named on the second day of the new National Assembly's opening session, the Voice of Vietnam radio said in a broadcast monitored in Bangkok.

Within the senior leadership, Dong and Chinh were the last of the small group of revolutionaries who helped independence leader Ho Chi Minh found the Indochinese Communist Party in

Following tradition, the top government and state posts went to senior members of the Com-

## leading political figure for several World press watchdog

slams Singapore curbs

SINGAPORE (R) — A world press freedom watchdog said Friday that Singapore had spurned its call to roll back "chilling"

curbs on some publications. A four-man team from the World Press Freedom Committee met Information Minister Yeo Ning Hong to discuss Singapore's recently-tightened press laws, saying government imposed cir-culation cuts had "sadly tar-

nished" Singapore's image. The group said that action by Singapore raised fears that it may

"The chilling effect on the media is already apparent — and may well spur doubts on the part of those abroad doing business or contemplating investments in Singapore," the committee said in a statement.

Earlier this year Singapore cut the circulation of the Asian Wall Street Journal to 400 copies daily from 5,000 and last year reduced that of Time magazine to 2,000 from 18,000 after objecting to

## 3 Argentine courts rule in favour of 'due obedience' law

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina the Buenos Aires suburb of (AP) — Three federal courts Thursday declared constitutional a controversial new law granting immunity to most officers ac-cused of human rights abuses during the former military gov-

The decisions by courts in the Buenos Aires suburb of San Martin, the northern city of Cordoba and the north western city of Mendoza were the first in favour of the "due obedience" law. The measure declares that most officers are not to blame for rights abuses because they were just

following orders. Human rights groups have asked the supreme court to declare the law unconstitutional, saying the measure amounts to amnesty and violates the right to equal treatment of the accused

under Argentine law. A federal court in the southern port of Bahia Blanca on Monday agreed with that argument, saying the law was unconstitu-

Moron also ruled the law unconstitutional in the case of a paramilitary agent accused of human rights atrocities at a prison hospital. The man had claimed he should benefit from the law because he took orders from a military superior.

The measure, passed by Congress at the behest of President Raul Alfonisn and signed into law on June 8, says officers and security agents ranked brigadier general and below are to be absolved of any wrongdoing if they can prove they were following superiors'

The rulings now are subject to supreme court interpretation. Court sources say the five-member board is expected to rule in favour of the law's constitutionality next week.

Under the "due obedience" law, an estimated 200 of the 250 officers accused of thousands of cases of abduction, torture and murder of suspected leftists during the "dirty war" of 1976-83 are

Mr. Wick, who returned from

"We will send him a confirming

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#### Rice refuses to discuss affair with Hart

NEW YORK (R) - Model Donna Rice, whose relationship with Gary Hart ended his bid for the U.S. presidency, refused to say in an interview whether she had ever slept with the former Colorado senator. "No, I don't want to answer you because it's a question of dignity," she said in an interview on ABC Television when asked if she had an affair with Mr. Hart. "Whether I did, whether I didn't, with Gary Hart or anyone else, I wouldn't answer it one way or another." Ms. Rice. 29, who said she was not paid for the interview, her first since Mr. Hart abandoned his candidacy on May 8 because of the scandal over the relationship, said the most difficult part of the controversy had been its effect on her parents "The most painful thing for me has been to see what this does to my parents," said Ms. Rice. "They've always been so proud of me and they've been just, it's been horrible for them. It's been a real trial." Ms. Rice was romantically linked to Hart, 50, in a Miami Herald story in April which said she had spent a weekend at Mr. Hart's Washington townhouse. Mr. Hart has been married for 28 years and has two children. Although both Mr. Hart and Ms. Rice said they were just casual friends, a flood of media attention and a trip the two had earlier taken to Bimini aboard a yacht forced him to withdraw his candidacy for the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination. Ms. Rice said she did not feel anger toward Mr. Hart over the scandal.

#### Couple unhappy after striking oil

ROCKHAMPTON, Queensland (R) — Most people would be delighted if they struck oil in their back garden. Not Dick and Irene Stevensen - they wanted water. The Stevensens, who farm a small property in the parched Australian outback, put every cent of their savings into drilling a bore hole. Down and down they drilled until, at 1,170 metres, they struck water. Sadly, the supply was little more than a trickle and the Stevensens went away to think about what to do next. When they returned, the trickle had turned black - oil. Petroleum analysts are testing the quality and quantity of the supply. But whatever their findings, the Stevensens will not be pleased. "Dick and I are not very happy about the situation. We don't want to be millionaires," Irene said "We wanted water for our cattle, not oil. What can you do with

#### British firemen rescue pony

BRIDGWATER, England (R) — when a Shetland pony got stuck in a family's first-floor bedroom, the answer was: Call the fire brigade. The Shetland - a small breed of pony - bolted upstairs from the household garden, where it was being groomed, and refused to budge, despite pulling and pushing by owner Donna Walford and her family. So they called in fire brigade rescue specialists, who got the pony to go downstairs by blindfolding it. "Twe come across cats up trees and old ladies stuck in the bath but never a pony trapped in a bedroom," said a fire brigade spokesman in this south west England town.

#### Fans want lifesize Beatles statue

LONDON (R) — Fans of the Beatles have said they wanted to erect a lifesize bronze sculpture of the former pop group complete with juke box, in London's Leicester Square. The vice-chairman of the Beatles Appreciation Society, John-James Chambers, said they hoped to get planning permission for the statue, but a spokesman for the local municipal authority said no application had been received yet.

#### Man loses organ to wife with razor

DHAKA (R) — A Bangladeshi had his penis cut off by his wife after he was caught trying sexual tricks learned from "blue movies" on a prostitute, police have said. They said the wife grew suspicious when 28-year-old bank employee Nazir Uddin watched pornographic movies for three nights with a friend. On the fourth night, she found him at a prostitute's bouse on the outskirts of Dhaka, bought a razor from a nearby shop and sliced off his penis, police said. People in the neighbourhood rushed Uddin to hospital and handed over his wife to police. The prostitute ran

#### Singer offers \$1m for 'elephant man'

LOS ANGELES (R) — Singer Michael Jackson has doubled his offer to \$1 million for the remains of the "elephant man", the grotesquely deformed Englishman John Merrick who died in 1900, Jackson's manager has said. Jackson has become a student of Merrick and is absorbed in the ethical, medical and historical significance of the remains, the manager, Frank Dileo, said. Merrick's remains are kept at the London Hospital Medical College, which rejected Jackson's original offer several months ago. The 28-year old singer has been to the hospital twice to view the remains, Dileo said. "The money paid by Jackson could be used by the hospital to care for and aid people in need," he

#### Actress wears \$1.8m wedding gown

SYDNEY (R) — A diamond-encrusted wedding gown stole the show when Japan's highest paid celebrity, pop singer Hiromi Go, married a 21-year-old actress. The \$1.8 million dress, which was delivered to the bride, Yurie Nitani, by armed guards, drew gasps from the 300 invited guests and international media at a Sydney hotel. Outside the hotel dozens of screaming fans went wild when Go arrived for the wedding which was televised live in Japan. The couple, who had already been married in a traditional Japanese ceremony, were invited to marry again in Sydney by the Australian Tourism Department which wants to promote the country as a honeymoon destination for Asian couples. Champague flowed freely throughout the five-course wedding dinner. An entree of Sushi was the only taste of Japan in an otherwisetraditional display of European haute cuisine. A spokesman for the organisers compared the wedding to a royal occasion and said it was "one of the most spectacular ever staged in Australia."

### Police arrest groom at wedding party

ROSENBERG, Texas (AP) — Police trying to quell a fraces at a wedding reception arrested the groom and eight other people. The police "ruined everything. They runned the whole party," said the bride, Leticia Castanadas Arriaga, 18, who fainted other than the said of the the melec Saturday night. The groom, Pete Arriaga, and other members of the wedding party contended at least one of the officers used excessive force at the reception and dance; which about 250 people attended. "We're taking some statements and we hope to wrap it up," Fort Bend County Sheriff Gus George said Tuesday. "All we can do is use good judgment and then stand by it." Felicita Arriaga, the groom's mother, said there was a problem trying to get security guards for the dance. So one of the bride's brothers, Flarris County Sheriff's Deputy Fred Gonzales, agreed to provide security. The mother said the distributed one of the said the distributed one. began when Gonzales asked one of the guests for identification when he ordered a beer. George said Gonzales then asked a when he ordered a beer. George said Gonzales then assessing Fort Bend county deputy for backup help. At one point about 24 officers from the sheriff's office and local point department rushed in. "It got out of hand," George said The groom and his two brothers, Lawrence Arriaga and Modesto Arriaga, were charged with resisting arrest. They were released Sunday on a personal recognisance bond set by the same justice of the peace who presided over the wedding

#### 18 killed in bus-train collision in S. Africa Aquino to appoint JOHANNESBURG (R) — Eighteen people died and 85 were burg. Many of the passengers 25 extra congressmen

were believed to be miners. injured when a goods train and a bus packed with about 140 pas-The driver of the bus is missing, hampering investigations sengers collided at a rail crossing into the disaster, which is the in early morning darkness Friday, second major traffic accident in a transport company spokesman South Africa in recent weeks. Last month 14 black schoolchil-

> over a cliff. A spokesman for the state-run South African Transport Services, which operates the train, said the accident occurred about 4,30 a.m. when the bus was driving

across the rail crossing.

dren died when a bus plunged

### Peru halts search for plane with 46 on board

LIMA, Peru (AP) — The Peruvian Air Force has suspended its search for a plane carrying 46 people that apparently crashed in the jungle in northern Peru, the military said.

The Soviet-made Antonov-26 personnel carrier with six crewmen and 40 civilian passengers aboard was declared missing Thursday after it failed to reach its destination in Saposoa, 600 kilometres north east of Lima, the capital, the official Andina

News Agency reported. Andina, quoting from an air force communique, said the plane clad eastern slopes of the Andes. It never arrived.

Late Thursday night, the air force announced it was calling off its search until daylight because of heavy rain in the region where the plane was believed to have gone down.

Andina said the 40 passengers were civilians and the plane was providing "civic" support. It did not elaborate.

From Saposoa the plane was to have flown to Trujillo, west of Saposoa on the Peruvian coast, and from there to Iquitos, in the left Lima, the capital, at 8:12 Amazon jungle 1.150 kilometres.
a.m. (1312 GMT) bound for north east of the capital, Andina

reported.

## Saposoa, located on the jungle-

SYDNEY (R) — Australia's Conservative opposition, fighting an uphili election battle, faced a and mentally relaxed (during an controversy Friday within its own ranks over a possible error in its

tion Liberal Party said it was re-examining the programme, which forms the cornerstone of the party's economic strategy to oust the Labour Party in the July 11 general election.

Some opposition members said there appeared to be errors in the plan, but the spokesman declined to comment further.

Prime Minister Bob Hawke, seeking his third successive term, said the opposition had made the election campaign one of the easiest he has experienced.

"I've never felt more physically

Keating has said the opposition miscalculated tax and expenditure cuts by several billion dollars and its scheme would sharply increase the budget deficit to more than nine billion dollars (\$6.5 billion).

king of clubs. This would have

been the wrong time to employ H

for Holdup. West might shift to a diamond at trick two, and the de-

fenders would be a tempo ahead in

the race to establish the pivotal

trick. Declarer would not be able to do any better than nine-tricks, for

the defenders would collect two spades, a club and a diamond be-

fore declarer could find a 10th

Declarer edged ahead in the con-

test for the key trick by the simple expedient of winning the first trick. After drawing trumps in

three rounds, he set about estab-lishing a spade trick in dummy by leading low from his hand. West

took his queen of spades and shift-ed to a diamond, but it was too late.

Declarer won in hand and contin-ued with the king of spades to

West's ace. The dummy's jack of

spades was set up for a discard while the ace of diamonds was still

As the cards lie, the contract

could have been defeated with a di-

amond opening lead as long as the

defenders persevere with the suit

whenever they gain the lead. But

the king of clubs is the natural lead

from the West hand. Anything else

would lead to raised eyebrows at

on the table as an entry.

#### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF 1995 Tribung Media Services, Inc.

NORTH

T IS FOR TEMPO Both vulnerable. South deals. standard practice today.

Against four hearts, West led the

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Timing is a vital ingredient in many of the plays we have described in our bridge player's dictionary. Whether you are a tempo shead or behind can be of key im-portance in how you tackle a hand. Here is an example of what a dif-George Coffin's "Bridge Play from A to Z."

A routine auction landed North-South in four hearts. Note the fact that North, with a defensive trick and four-card support for his partner's opening bid, raised despite West's takeout double; that is

election). We've no problems at

On the Liberal tax plan he said: "The whole thing is so deceitful ... (Liberal leader John) Howard has made a mess of it. If they can't govern themselves, how can they expect to govern the

Australian Treasurer Paul

tion history.

But the report also criticised

checking the repairs properly be-

scheduled inspections.

## Japan and Boeing take responsibility for crash

government and U.S. aircraft maker Boeing both took responsibility Friday for the crash of a Japan Air Lines (JAL) Boeing 747 in which 520 died.

An official government report, released Friday, said faulty repairs to the plane in 1978 by the Boeing company and inadequate inspection by Transport Ministry inspectors caused the crash, the worst single air disaster in avia-

faulty repair work by Boeing, said Shun Takeda, the Ministry of Transport official leading the government's Accident Investigation Committee.

the Japanese inspectors for not

fore signing a clearance docu-

been the final report but agreed with an earlier similar draft report that the accident was caused by the incorrect repairs, which

Hashimoto told reporters: "Repair instructions themselves were appropriate. If the repair work had been done faithfully to the instructions, the accident would

## Soviets announce amnesty

MOSCOW (Agencies) - The Soviet Union proclaimed an amnesty for Soviet prisoners Friday to mark the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. It did not specify which categories of detainees were included.

The official news agency TASS said the amnesty had been decreed by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the agency said. A TASS spokesman said details of the decree would be pub-

tion was hedged with complicated restrictions which excluded most jailed dissidents from its effect. The 1977 decree allowed all

women, minors, war veterans and persons who had received state awards to be released if their sentences were less than five vears. If more than five, the sentences were halved. The 60th anniversary decree

did not cover such serious off-

ences as murder and assault, or.

"especially dangerous crimes

against the state," which included

anti-Soviet agitation, treason and

organising such activity.

Friday's amnesty followed an announcement by Kremlin authorities last February that 150 political dissenters had been par-

Meanwhile a close adviser of the Kremlin leader was quoted Thursday as saying Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev faces opposition from some generals to his

state-run Novosti Press Service, was quoted as saying that some military officers could not come to terms with Mr. Gorbachev's 'new thinking.'

Munich-based newspaper Sued-deutsche Zeitung, said the generals will have to accept Mr. Gor-bachev's ideas, "but for many it will not be easy." Falin did not identify any of the

main groups opposed to Mr. Gorbachev's reforms. One of the groups represented people who have been "disappointed so many times in the past" that they cannot believe in

The second group was made up matists" who were in principle opposed to anay new ideas.

These people are not our enemies and we have to try to consituation to import people who think differently," he was quoted

would have enough energy to

U.S. Information Agency (USIA) Director Charles Wick said Thursday the Soviet Union has invited U.S. psychiatrists to inspect mental hospitals that critics say are used to persecute political dissidents.

he also said the Kremlin under Mr. Gorbachev appeared to be genuine in its drive for political and economic reform, although some officials were resisting. Critics have charged the Soviet Union uses mental hospitals to confine political dissidents and break their will, but Mr. Wick

Moscow two days ago, said he had raised charges about Soviet abuse of dissidents in mental hospitals during talks with Alexander Yakoviev, candidate member of the politburo with respsonsibility "propaganda, information

down when it invited U.S. psychiatrists to inspect the asyhums two years ago. Mr. Wick asked him to renew the invitation and he agreed.

letter and tell him we're taking steps to recruit the appropriate psychiatrists, working through the nationally recognised (psychiatrists, working through the nationally recognised (psychiatric) associations ... and see where we go from there," he

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TOKYO (R) — The Japanese

The one clear cause was the

In a separate statement issued

in Tokyo, Boeing said it had not remained undetected during

Boeing said it had made tests and provided equipment for aircraft to ensure that a similar

accident could not happen again. Transport Minister Ryutaro

#### not have occurred." Last week, a federal judge in to be freed from prosecution. on revolution anniversary

lished in the government newspaper Izvestia. An amnesty marking the 60th anniversary of the 1917 revolu-

Valentin Falin, the chief of the

Falin, in an interview with the

any new reforms, Falin was quoted as saying.

Falin said there were three

"small power holders who have been sitting comfortably in ministries and are now against any renewal." The third group was described by Falin as "dog-

vince them. We have to work with them because we are not in a as saying. Falin, asked if Mr. Gorbachev

carry through his reforms, replied: "Yes. I'm sure. The man is only beginning to show what potential he has." In a separate development

In an interview with Reuters

said Kremlin officials had denied

Mr. Yakovlev denied the allegations and complained that the Kremlin had been turned

## major tax-cutting programme. A spokesman for the opposi-